

[Simmer, John]

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In failing health for a number of weeks, John Simmer, an aged and respected resident of this village, died at his home early Saturday morning. Mr. Simmer was nearly 84 years of age and was born in Germany, coming to this country when 21 years of age. For a number of years and until it burned some 40 odd years ago, he was in charge of the mill and elevator conducted by Wood, Clark & Co. on what is now the site of the Standard building and which at that time did an extensive milling and grain jobbing business. After the destruction of the property Mr. Simmer moved with his family to Hallsville where for a number of years he operated what is now the R. Z. Smith & Son mill. Later he returned to Fort Plain and had since lived a more or less retired life, always, however, taking an active interest in the affairs of the village. Until recently Mr. Simmer was a remarkably well preserved man, and from appearance one would be greatly deceived as to his years. Politically he was a Democrat and always ready to do all in his power to further the cause of the party of his choice. In his later years he gave much time to reading and his well-stored mind made him an interesting conversationalist and companion. The survivors are two daughters, Misses Rose and Anna Simmer of this village, and five sons, Fred of Fort Plain, John of White Plains, George of Ilion, and William and Charles of Fort Plain; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. The funeral was held from his late home Monday afternoon, Rev. H. F. [Herbert Frank] Moulton [of the Universalist Church] officiating. Interment was made in the Fort Plain cemetery.

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