

(obit. Johan Jacob Ott, 1865)  
as translated from old German as it was reported in "Der Christliche  
Botschafter" The Christian Messenger, dated June 9, 1865.

Father Ott is no more! He was born in 1784 at Baldenheim, Alsace. Even in the Fatherland, he distinguished himself by his strong moral and religious lifestyle. In 1832, he emigrated with his family and other friends to America and settled in Warren, Penn., where he was thoroughly converted and since then, he led a devout life. He had a strong feeling for his own family and he devoted all his energy in leading them to Jesus, which God let him be successful in. But his heart beat warmly for everyone, and his wish was that all would get to know the Lord and become devout; and for this goal, he worked diligently. In 1837, Brother Ott, with other brothers, moved to the state of Illinois, and he settled in the northern part of Lake County. He was a man of faith and prayer. He was faithful in attendance at church services, a generally well-thought-of and beloved member of the church, and he was blessed child of God. Last winter his strength failed rapidly and he rejoiced that soon he could go home to the Lord. His wish is now fulfilled. On the 16 of May, in the evening, God took him at the age of 80 years, 6 months and 10 days. He leaves behind a grieving wife, children and many friends.