

John C. Blum

April 16, 1862 – November 28, 1946

Heart Attack Fatal To John C. Blum, 84, Thursday A.M. Esteemed Local Man Dies In Bed Thanksgiving Morning

Funeral services for John C. Blum, 84 years of age, well known and highly esteemed Monticello resident for more than 35 years, who died suddenly at 4 o'clock last Thursday morning of a heart attack in his home on South Main street, were held at 1:30 Sunday afternoon at the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church here.

The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were: Herman Schupbach, Monroe, Raymond and Clarence Werndli, and Wilbert Blum, Madison, Edward and Jacob Duerst, New Glarus.

Although Mr. Blum had been in failing health for the past two years, he appeared in his usual spirits when he retired Wednesday night. He was breathing normally when Mrs. Blum awakened early Thursday morning and left the room. From an adjoining room she heard a sound from their bedroom and upon returning found her husband had passed away suddenly and unexpectedly only a moment before her arrival in the room.

Washington Township Native

John C. Blum was a native of Washington township, having been born April 16, 1862, the son of Casper and Rosina Streiff Blum. He was confirmed April 17, 1878, in the New Glarus Swiss Reformed church and on Dec. 13, 1888, Mr. Blum was united in marriage to Elsbeth Legler, the ceremony taking place in New Glarus. For two years after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Blum resided on the farm owned by his father. In 1890 they moved to Mt. Pleasant township, where they resided on the farm now owned by Robert Stauffer for 18 years. In 1908 they moved to Monticello, where they had since made their home.

The sudden and unexpected passing of Mr. Blum occasioned sincere regret among his many friends and acquaintances in the community. His quiet and unassuming nature, indelible character, and unquestionable honesty won him the highest esteem of his many friends and acquaintances,

Mr. Blum was a member of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church,

He is survived by the widow; two brothers, Henry Blum, Evansville, and Fred Blum, New Glarus; and two sisters, Mrs. John Schupbach and Mrs. Barbara Werndli, both of New Glarus. Mr. Blum was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.