

John Arn

Dec. 5, 1875 – October 1936

John Arn Expires From Heart Attack On Hunting Trip Funeral Services For Well Known Business Man Conducted

Funeral services for John Arn, 60 years of age, well known and highly esteemed Monticello citizen for many years, who suddenly passed away shortly after 7 o'clock Sunday morning, were conducted at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday in the home and at 2 in the Reformed church. A sudden heart attack caused his untimely death.

Rev. A. Muehlmeier, pastor of the church, presided at the services. Interment was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were: Fred H. Steinman, Wm. A. Loveland, Jake Krieg, Traugott Senn, Sr, Conrad Stauffacher, C. F. Jordan and Parker Patterson.

Died While Hunting

What was planned to be just another of those happy and joyous hunting expeditions, an event to which Mr. Arn looked forward, turned out to be a never-to-be forgotten tragedy. Mr. Arn in company with C. F. Jordan and Parker Patterson, departed early Sunday morning in quest of ducks on the marsh lands along the Little Sugar River on the Wm. Spring farm, a few miles east of the village.

Upon their arrival there, the trio saw a small flock of ducks light on a little pond. Then the hunters proceeded to creep up on their quarry. While crossing a fence, Mr. Patterson created some disturbance which caused the ducks to take flight. Both Mr. Jordan and Mr. Arn emptied their guns at the ducks. A split second after the final show, Mr. Jordan remarked to his companion, "We got 'em Uncle John," turning back to Mr. Arn as he spoke. Upon looking in Mr. Arn's direction, Mr. Jordan saw his old friend lying face down on the ground. Mr. Jordan quickly rushed for a physician while "Parky" stayed with Mr. Arn. He was pronounced dead upon the arrival of the doctor.

Ardent Sportsman

"Uncle John," as he was referred to by his legions of friends, both old and young, here and elsewhere, was an ardent sportsman and his happiest days were those when he was tramping through the fields or along a stream. His place of business was a haven for hunting and fishing enthusiasts for miles around, and rare indeed was it when a hunting trip was planned when "Uncle John" was not included. No doubt expeditions of that kind in the future will bring back sad memories and cause many heavy hearts among the members of the parties when their thoughts go back to the days when "Unce John" was happily marching along in their midst. Seldom has a death caused the widespread sorrow in Monticello which was occasioned with the sudden and unexpected passing of "Uncle John."

Native of Switzerland

John Arn was a native of Switzerland, having been born in Canton Berne Dec. 5, 1875, the son of Jacob and Verena Mosseman Arn. When a lad of 18 he came to America, settling in Green county, where he had since resided. His first employment here was with the late Chas. Marty, Sr., on a farm in Washington township. For a few years he owned the Silver farm, east of town, now occupied by J. J. Disch. He was also connected with the cheesemaking trade, having had charge of a factory west of town for some years. He first became acquainted with the tavern business as an employee of the late Jacob Figi, when the latter operated the Monticello house. Later he was employed by John Neiderhauser in the same building which he later purchased in 1910 and had since occupied. For a short time after purchasing the

business, Mr. Arn was in partnership with the late Gott. Zimmerly. During his quarter century or more as a Monticello business man he acquired scores of friends in this vicinity.

In 1913 he had the pleasure of returning to his native country for a few months. He made the trip in company with the late John Urben.

He was an individual who constantly looked at the sunny side of life and his good natured, jovial disposition created an indelible impression upon everyone with whom he came in contact. He was well known for his unquestioned honesty in his dealings with fellow citizens. He always conducted his place of business in a clean, orderly manner and the merits of the establishment were never at any time questioned,

Mr. Arn was a member of the Swiss Reformed church. Surviving are four brothers, Ernest and Fred Arn, New Glarus, and Adolph and Alfred Arn, Monticello; and two sisters, Mrs. S. J. Luchsinger, with whom he made his home, Monticello, and Mrs. Christ Bringold, Verona, and several nieces and nephews. A brother, Gottfried Arn, Orangeville, Ill, preceded him in death about three years ago. Mr. Arn never married.