

**Anton Baumgartner**  
**April 14, 1888 – August 1938**

**Anton Baumgartner Expires in Monroe; Conduct Rites Here**  
**Local Pastor in Charge of Services; Buried in Highland**

Funeral services for Anton Baumgartner, 50 years of age, Monroe and a former resident of Washington township, who passed away at 12:30 Friday morning in the Deaconess hospital, Monroe, were conducted at 1:30 Sunday afternoon in the Voegeli funeral home and at 2 in the Zwingli Reformed church.

Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiated at the final rites. Interment was in Highland cemetery.

**Found Unconscious**

Mr. Baumgartner, who was in the habit of taking an early morning stroll about the streets each day, was found unconscious on the drive of Recreation park early Thursday morning. He was taken to the Deaconess hospital immediately for medical attention. Mr. Baumgartner had been in ill health for the past ten years, having suffered from heart trouble. When he was brought to the hospital attendants were of the opinion that he had been overcome with a heart attack.

This theory was blasted, however, upon investigation at the Voegeli undertaking parlors in Monticello when a rough fragment of metal was found beneath the skin of his skull. The postmortem examination produced, according to officials, a small piece of metal, not in his brain and about an inch and a quarter above the left eye.

Upon investigation it was found that the victim's rifle was missing from his home. A cleaning rod such as is used to clean a rifle, was found near Hyde's pond, not far from the Recreation park. The search for the missing firearm was intensive at the pond but no clues could be found.

A 6-man coroner's jury was appointed Saturday by Sheriff Syvrud. They are as follows: Dr. M. P. Ohlsen and Albert Moritz, Monticello, Clarence Loveland, Washington township, Dr. E. D. McQuillan and Fred A. Stuessy, New Glarus, and Arthur Spoerry, Monroe. This jury will meet tomorrow to look into the matter further.

**Born in Monticello**

Mr. Baumgartner was a native of Monticello, having been born here April 14, 1888. The family later moved to Washington township and resided on a farm there for many years, where he attended the Voegeli school. On Sept. 21, 1916, he was united in marriage to Stella Zastrow, the ceremony taking place in Monroe. They resided on their farm in Washington township, a short distance west of the village, for 21 years, when he was forced to retire because of poor health. Mr. Baumgartner sold his farm to Edw. Schlittler last fall. The family moved to Monroe Dec. 1.

**Progressive Farmer**

Mr. Baumgartner was for many years known as one of the progressive farmers of Washington township. He was always known to his friends for his square dealings and made a large circle of friends and acquaintances here and elsewhere,

Surviving besides the bereaved widow are two children, Ruth and Leon, at home; three brothers, John Baumgartner, Fred Baumgartner, New Glarus, and Conrad Baumgartner, Dayton; one sister, Mrs. Nick Marty, New Glarus.

Mr. Baumgartner was a member of the Swiss Reformed church, Monticello.