

John C. Becker

Aug. 18, 1871 – August 1937

John C. Becker, 66, — Passes in Palmyra Services Held for Former Citizen of Washington Township

Funeral services for John C. Becker, 66 years of age, Palmyra, well known native and former resident of Washington township, who died suddenly at approximately 10:30 Monday morning from a heart attack at his home in Palmyra, were conducted at 2 Wednesday in his home. Interment was in Palmyra.

Although Mr. Becker had suffered a great deal with asthma for many years it was unknown to his relatives and friends that he had ever occasioned any trouble with his heart. He was found lying on the ground midway between his house and poultry yard by his son, Fred, who came to take him out to his farm to assist with threshing operations. It is thought that death overtook him instantly and without any warning.

Native of Washington

John C. Becker was born in Washington township Aug. 18, 1871, the son of Jacob and Rosina Hefty Becker. He was united in marriage in 1893 to Louise Moritz. For a period of 10 years the couple conducted the Becker homestead farm. Then they moved to Colorado where the gentleman hoped to find relief for his asthma attacks. After residing two years in the west the couple came back and resided in New Glarus for a short time. Subsequently they moved to Palmyra where they operated a farm for a number of years, moving to that village 14 years ago.

Mr. Becker was well known to many of the older readers of The Messenger and news of his sudden and unexpected death has occasioned sincere regret to his numerous friends and acquaintances here and elsewhere. He was always known as a progressive and industrious farmer and during his many years of dealing he established himself as an honest and reliable man, which won him the respect of those with whom he came into contact.

Survivors, besides the bereaved widow, are two sons, Fred and Wm.; two daughters, Mrs. Roy Wopper and Ray Tar, all residing in the Palmyra vicinity; three sisters, Mrs. Matt B. Wittenwyler, Monticello, Mrs. Jacob Hoesly and Mrs. Henry B. Hefty, New Glarus; his mother, Mrs. Jacob Becker, Sr., now residing with a sister in Monroe; one brother, Jacob Becker, Jr., Juda, and 11 grandchildren.

Mr. Becker was a member of the Palmyra Lutheran church.