Barbara Marty

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Former Monticello Woman Subject of Heart Attack

Mrs. Jacob F. Marty died suddenly on Saturday at her home at No. 822 W. Payne street. She was alone at the time of death, which was due to a sudden heart attack which came while she was preparing a late noon-day luncheon for herself.

Mr. Marty, who is employed as foreman at the county farm, left home for his work at an early hour and it was he who discovered her lying on the kitchen floor when he returned in the evening at 6:45. She had been dead for several hours according to Dr. Clark who was called and examined her at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Marty was last seen alive at 1 o'clock by Will Stauffacher, a neighbor, who spoke to her at 1 o'clock in the afternoon as he passed the home. She was in the yard when Mr. Stauffacher went by and went in shortly afterward to prepare her lunch.

A cup of cocoa was placed upon the table, a spider with two eggs was found upon the gas stove and a match rested on the handle of the spider. A gas jet of the stove was partly open. The circumstances indicated that she was in the act of lighting the gas when stricken with her fatal attack; that she turned and started toward the sitting room, probably with the intention of lying down, and nearly reached the door when she fell. She was found lying just inside the kitchen door, near the table and some ten feet from the stove. Marks on the body and her chin were the result of contact with the floor in her fall. During a recent visit with relatives at Monticello, she had complained of "short" breath and slight pains in the region of the heart, showing the heart action was not normal— Monroe Daily Journal, Aug. 1, 1921

Mrs. Marty was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Legler and was born March 25, 1866, in New Glarus township where she grew to womanhood. She was baptized April 22, 1866, and was confirmed at New Glarus on Palm Sunday of the year 1881. On Jan. 9, 1888, she was marred to Fred (Fredolin) Zentner and for a number of years thereafter the couple lived at Lu Verne, Iowa. Some years ago the family returned from Iowa and made their home in Monticello and vicinity. The union was blessed with six children, three of whom have passed away. The surviving children are John A. Zentner, Baraboo; Alva Zentner, Janesville, and Mrs. Jacob Trumpy, of Adams township. There are also surviving two brothers, David S. Legler, of New Glarus, and Joe Legler, of Adams. One sister, Mrs. Antone Putnam, lives in Monroe township.

Mr. Zentner died on Sept 16, 1914, and on Nov. 25, 1919, she was united in marriage to Jacob F. Marty. Shortly thereafter the couple moved to Monroe, where Mr. Marty accepted a position at the county farm. She was a woman of cheerful disposition and was possessed of many commendable traits of character. Many old friends and neighbors in this section of the county were deeply grieved to learn of her sudden and unexpected death.

Her remains were brought to Monticello for burial and funeral services were held at the Reformed church or Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 2, with Rev. Muehlmeier officiating. She was laid to rest in the family lot in Highland cemetery.

(Mrs. Marty was buried with her first husband as "Barbara Zentner")