

## **Samuel Amstutz**

Samuel Amstutz, brief mention of whose death was made in these columns last week, was born Feb. 1, 1867, at Wimmis, Canton of Berne, Switzerland. He came to America when a young man of eighteen years, and for a long term of years he followed the vocation of cheesemaker. His first employer in that line was the late Dietrich Stauffacher, formerly a well known citizen of Mt. Pleasant township. Mr Amstutz was an expert in the art of cheese making and his product was often awarded the blue ribbon in the strongest kind of competition.

Mr. Amstutz was married in 1891 to Miss Marie Walch, also native of Switzerland, who survives him. He followed the vocation of cheesemaker for a period of fourteen years, subsequently turning his attention to other lines. Some years ago he acquired the Grand Central hotel in this village and successfully conducted the hostelry up to two years ago, when he retired because of failing health. The property is still owned by the estate.

Mr. Amstutz' health has been in a precarious condition for a number of months, despite the fact that he had the best of care and medical attention. He consulted the best of specialists from time to time and a few weeks ago he visited the Mayo Bros. Hospital, at Rochester, Minn., but the nature of his ailment was such that nothing could be done for him. He breathed his last at about 4 o'clock on Tuesday, September 25, at the age of 50 years, 7 months and 24 days.

The deceased was a man who was held in high regard by a large circle of friends in this vicinity and else where, all of whom were grieved to learn of his demise. He was a kind and indulgent husband and father, and in his death the bereaved widow and children have the sympathy of all. Besides the widow, he is survived by five sons and two daughters. One daughter died in early infancy. Two sons, Sam and Fred, are now at Waco, Texas, serving their country with Co. H, Wis. Reg. Circumstances were such that neither of the boys could be home for the funeral.

Funeral services were held from the family residence at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon, thence at the German Reformed church, with interment in Highland cemetery. Rev. A. Muehlmeier officiated. The services were under the auspices of the G. U. G. G., of Monroe of which the deceased was an esteemed member. The services were largely attended, many friends from neighboring towns being present.

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