

## **Jacob Figi**

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### **JACOB FIGI, 66, FORMER LOCAL RESIDENT, DIES**

#### **End Comes Unexpectedly At Ripon Following Heart Attack**

After suffering a heart attack at 10:30 Friday morning, Jacob Figi, 66 years of age, proprietor of the Grand View hotel at Ripon and for 23 years engaged in conducting the Monticello hotel in this village, passed away in his home in Ripon at 7:30 Friday evening.

The death of Mr. Figi was a shock to relatives and friends alike, his passing having occurred so suddenly and unexpectedly. Mr. Figi, who was apparently in his usual health, was here only about 10 days before his death.

Mr. Figi, who was a native of New Glarus, was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Figi. He was married to Miss Fannie Streiff, New Glarus, in 1888, and for a few years they resided on a farm in Mt. Pleasant township, a few miles southeast of Monticello.

Moving to Monticello about 1895, Mr. Figi, in association with his father, constructed the Monticello hotel which for many years ranked among the finest hostelries in this section of the state. The hotel at that time was far above the average for a community the size of Monticello and the efficient and high class manner in which it was conducted by Landlord and Mrs. Figi made it a favorite stopping place among travelers.

After having been engaged in the hotel business here for 23 years, Mr. Figi disposed of the property and moved to the vicinity of Oshkosh where he farmed for a number of years, later moving to Ripon. For the past several years, Mr. Figi had owned and conducted the Grand View, Ripon's leading hotel, only recently having renovated practically the entire structure. The opening of the remodeled hotel, which occurred but a few weeks ago, was an outstanding event in Ripon and was given much publicity in the newspaper there.

Besides the widow, Mr. Figi is survived by one sister, Mrs. Baltz Voegeli, Monticello, and one brother, J. Henry Figi, residing in the vicinity of Brooklyn.

Funeral services were conducted in the Swiss Reformed church at New Glarus at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, followed by interment in the church cemetery. Rev. Richard Rettig, pastor of the church, officiated. The pallbearers were Henry Legler, Jacob Krieg, Peter Ott, John W. Duerst, Edward W. Duerst, Melchoir Hefty, Edward Zwickey, and Gabriel Zweifel.