

Samuel G. Karlen

August 17, 1886 – May 18, 1921

Samuel G. Karlen, mention of whose death was made in these columns last week, was a native of this vicinity, having been born in the town of Adams on the 17th day of August, 1886. He was baptized on August 28th of the following year and was confirmed with a class of seventeen at the Monticello Reformed church on April 5, 1903.

Mr. Karlen was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Karlen and moved to this village with his parents nineteen years ago. His marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hefty occurred on January 30, 1908. Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Karlen settled on a farm in Washington township, six and one-half miles southwest of Monticello. Here they made their home until two years ago, when they disposed of the farm and moved to Monticello to reside. Mr. Karlen purchased property on South Main street and it was only last fall that one of the most modern and attractive homes in the village was completed thereon. Since coming to the village he had worked at the carpenter trade a great deal of the time.

About two years ago Mr. Karlen suffered an attack of influenza which left his health considerably impaired. About a week before he passed away he submitted to an operation for appendicitis at the Monroe hospital. He passed through the ordeal nicely and was apparently well along the road to recovery, when a change for the worse set in and he breathed his last shortly after the arrival of a physician. His death occurred at 7 o'clock on the morning of May 18, at the age of 34 years, 9 months and 1 day.

Mr. Karlen was a young man of exemplary character and stood high in the estimation of all who knew him. He was possessed of a most agreeable and pleasant disposition and was not only a kind and considerate husband and father but a citizen who was in every way worthy of the confidence and esteem of his fellow men.

Besides the bereaved widow, he is survived by an adopted daughter, Marian, 3 1/2 years of age, his mother, Mrs. Gottfried Karlen, one sister, Miss Louise, and one brother, Fred C. Karlen, all of whom have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in their great affliction.

Funeral services were held at the family home at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon and at 1:30 at the Reformed church, with Rev. A. Muehlmeier officiating. A large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends were in attendance, including many from Monroe, New Glarus and other neighboring points. The high esteem in which he had always been held in the community was fully evidenced by the many beautiful floral offerings, Burial was in Highland cemetery,