

Rudy B. Lengacher
Oct. 6, 1882 – May 1936

Rudy Lengacher Dies Unexpectedly From Heart Illness
To Conduct Funeral Rites At 2 O'clock Friday Afternoon

Rudy B. Lengacher, 54, well known Green county cheesemaker, and for the past 20 years in charge of the Burgy & Wittenwyler factory, a few miles southwest of Monticello, passed away unexpectedly at his home in the factory about 5 o'clock Wednesday morning. His demise is thought to have been due to a cerebral hemorrhage with which he was stricken shortly after he had arisen.

On March 7, 1933, Mr. Lengacher suffered a skull fracture in an automobile accident a short distance south of Monticello when a car in which he was riding skidded off the highway and into a ditch. Following the accident he was a patient in the Methodist hospital, Madison, for several weeks. It is possible that the injury he sustained at that time may have been a factor in his untimely death.

Born in Switzerland

Mr. Lengacher was born in Oey-Diemtigen, Canton Bern, Switzerland, on Oct. 6, 1882, the son of Christian and Marianna Augsburgers Lengacher. He came from his native land to the states in 1902 and located near Monticello, and since then practically all of his life had been spent in this vicinity. His marriage to Eurphemia Baumgartner occurred in Monroe in 1911.

Surviving, besides the widow, is one daughter, Zona, Madison; two brothers, Fred, Monroe, and William, Alliance, Ohio; and four sisters, Minnie, Monroe, Elsie Moser, Buffalo, N. Y., and Rosa Nabs and Magdalena Zehr, Switzerland.

Attained Enviably Records

Mr. Lengacher was a man who attained enviable records in the trade which he followed since young manhood, having won many county, state and national awards. He first achieved prominence outside his home county when his Limburger entry at the National Dairy show in Indianapolis placed second. At the national show in Detroit the following year he won third place and a bronze medal. Determined to eventually top the list, his ambition was attained in 1928, when he took first place and the gold medal at the Memphis show.

Mr. Lengacher obtained his early schooling in the art of cheesemaking under the guidance of his cousin, the late Gottfried Lengacher, starting shortly after his arrival in this country. This was at the old Peerless factory in Primrose township, Dane county.

Last rites will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon in the Voegeli funeral home, Monticello, with burial in Highland cemetery. Rev. A. Muehlmeier, pastor of the Reformed church, will officiate.

Pallbearers will be members of the Monroe Odd Fellows and G. U. G. G. lodges—three from each society—of which organizations he had been a member for many years.