

## **A. Wuilleumier Dies Suddenly**

### **Unexpectedly Succumbs to Sudden Heart Attack at Home Here Shortly After 4 Tuesday Evening**

Suddenly stricken with a heart attack, Armand Wuilleumier, aged 57, a native of Switzerland and for the past 21 years engaged in the jewelry business in Monticello, passed away unexpectedly in his home here shortly after 4 o'clock Tuesday evening.

Mr. Wuilleumier had spent the afternoon in making hay on his small seven-acre farm, just south of the village limits, and his sudden passing came as a staggering shock to local citizens since he was apparently in his usual health. Possible over-exertion is believed to have brought on the attack which resulted in his demise.

A native of Switzerland, Mr. Wuilleumier was born at Tramelan<sup>1</sup> on Sept. 23, 1873, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Wuilleumier. Early in life he displayed a proclivity for watch making and for some time he was employed in a Swiss watch factory. His marriage to Marie Ruhier took place in Switzerland April 30, 1898. Because of their proximity to the French border, Mr. Wuilleumier became as fluent in that tongue as in his native language.

Coming to America 27 years ago with their two children, Blanche, now deceased, and George, Mr. and Mrs. Wuilleumier settled for a short time in Connecticut where the gentleman obtained employment in a watch factory. Upon leaving the east, they came to Madison, where the family resided for a year. From there they went to Middleton where Mr. Wuilleumier conducted a jewelry store for four years. In 1909 the family moved to Monticello and he had been in business since that time with the exception of a short period spent in Madison six or seven years ago. Nine years ago he made a trip to Switzerland and visited the scenes of his childhood days and it was one of his unrealized dreams to visit his native land again.

The unexpected death of Mr. Wuilleumier is widely mourned throughout the entire community. Kind of heart and always cheerful and jovial, he was a man whose many genuine traits won for him everlasting esteem and friendships. He was not only an expert in his chosen line of work, but a citizen who was a distinct asset to the community in more ways than one. The brick building on Main street, in which he conducted his business and made his home, stands as a contribution to community progress and as a concrete example of his faith in the community in which he lived.

Survivors besides the widow are three sons, George, Louis, and Marcel, and one daughter, Miss Martha, all of Madison.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 tomorrow (Friday) afternoon in the F. W. Voegeli residence with Rev. A. Muehlmeier, pastor of the Reformed church, officiating. Burial will be in Forest Hill cemetery, Madison, where the remains of his daughter, Blanche, are also interred. Pallbearers will be members of the local I. O. O. F. lodge, of which Mr. Wuilleumier was a member. Out of respect for the deceased, all local business places will be closed from 1 o'clock until after the funeral.

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<sup>1</sup> Canton Bern, Switzerland