

Adams County Historical Museum, 1938 Scrapbook

Monday, February 14, 1938

Sam Liechty Funeral Held Here Today
Prominent Local Jeweler Dies Suddenly Early Friday

Funeral services for Samuel Liechty, aged 59, prominent local jeweler and business man who died suddenly here Friday morning, were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Mennonite Church, following a brief service at the home. Rev. C. H. Suckau officiated and burial was made in the M.R.E. Cemetery.

Mr. Liechty died at 7:15 o'clock Friday morning at his home on E. Franklin St. He had not felt good for several days, but was attending to his jewelry business as usual. Thursday he had several teeth pulled; Thursday night he complained that his side hurt him, but arose at the usual hour Friday morning. After eating breakfast, while sitting on a chair, he suddenly exclaimed, "Something has gone wrong here" holding his side, and then he slumped over on the davenport. He was dead when the family physician arrived.

A post mortem was held Saturday morning and the immediate cause of his death was given as heart failure. He had however, ailed for some time, and the post mortem showed that his heart trouble was complicated by other ailments.

The deceased was a son of the late Emanuel and Elizabeth Kirchhofer Liechty, Sr., and was born on the Liechty homestead, March 27, 1878, at the west edge of town now known as the Nussbaum Addition. He worked on his father's farm while a young man and was later employed by a Pennsylvania bridge gang under John Glancey.

Mr. Liechty established his business in the east portion of the Sprunger Music Store located in the Champion Block on November 11, 1926. Prior to that he affiliated himself with the late David Bixler, widely known optometrist and jeweler, starting as an apprentice in 1908. He came to be known as an expert watch repairman and jewelry man as was his teacher before him. He son Elmer was associated with him in the store.

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Many Attend Liechty Funeral

The funeral for Samuel Liechty, local jeweler who died suddenly Friday morning, was held this afternoon at the Mennonite Church and was largely attended. The pall bearers were Marcus and Harvey Gerber; Roman and Sherman Liechty, and Vincent and Lester Habegger, all nephews of Mr. Liechty.

Transcribed by Jim Cox