Jacob M. Lawrentz

Obituaries

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Local Man Succumbs To Blood Poisoning in Reno, Nevada

Remains Will Arrive Last of This Week: Funeral at Hebron Church, Sunday Morning.

On last Friday morning a telegram was received from Dr. Thompson, of Reno, Nevada, advising of the death of J.M.Lawrentz, which occurred at 5p.m. Thursday evening, July 5th, 1917. This sad intelligence quickly was spread among the large acquaintance of the deceased and occasioned profound sorrow. This was an element of tragedy in the sad ending of a useful and honorable earthly career.

Mr. Flavius Lawrentz, a son of the deceased, who left here last Wednesday in the hope of reaching his father's bedside before the hand of death intervened, arrived there Sunday morning at 8:40 and sent the following telegram back home:

Reno, Nev., July 8

J. R. Lawrentz
Spencer, WV

Arrived here today 8:40 a.m. Father dead; start home tomorrow; be home Friday or Saturday; funeral Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Tell Margaret the news.

In accordance with the instructions contained in this telegram arrangements are being made to hold the funeral service at Hebron Church, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Rev. Milton Steele, the favorite minister of the deceased, has been summoned from his home in Marion County to conduct the service. He will be assisted by Rev. H. M. McCoy.

Mr. Lawrentz was born in Roane County on Missouri Fork, the son of the late Noah Lawrentz. The date of his birth as taken from the family records was March 23, 1855, making his age over 62 years. No one would guess him to be that old by five or ten years as he appeared to be merely in the prime of life and was exceptionally active and aggressive in his business affairs.

On September 15th, 1880, he was happily married to Rhoanna Bartlett who preceded him to the Other World three years ago. Surviving their union are five children, three sons, J. R. , Ira and F.B. (Flavius) Lawrentz, all of Route 2, two daughters, Mrs. John E. Dyer, of Youngstown, Ohio, and Mrs. Bruce I. Hersman of Craig, Colorado.

Mr. Lawrentz was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church and in all respects a good citizen. Several years ago, when he was just comfortably started in business, dishonest associates brought disaster upon him, but he faced the situation manfully, paying all his debts in full. At the time of his

death he was the owner of a very valuable farm and was worth more than $30,000, is the estimate of business associates. He made a specialty of buying lambs and wool for thirty years and almost every farmer in the central part of the county has handled one of Lawrentz's checks if not many of them. He paid liberal prices for lambs and wool and as frequently lost money in this business as it was gained. In his farming, however, he was uniformly successful. Had he devoted his entire life to the farm his wealth would have been much greater, there is no room to doubt. As buyer and shipper he performed a great service for all the producers of the county and maintained a good market right on the farms. Mr. Lawrentz was chosen Vice President of The Traders Trust and Banking Company when that institution was organized in 1903 and served continuously until his death. His counsel and prudent decisions were always held in high regard by the other officials of the bank.

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(Submitted by Mary Wright Hennen who notes:
Flavius B. Lawrentz, the above mentioned son of Jacob M. Lawrentz, was my Grandfather. The Lawrentz Farms included land that adjoined the Camp Farm on Missouri Fork and the land on the Charleston Road that includes property I believe are currently owned by Richard Mann, and Harry Boggs and others.)