

George Reinbold

Occupant Name: George Reinbold

Location: Section J, Lot 6

Date of Birth: 3/3/1868

Date of Death: 6/25/1902

Date of Burial: 6/29/1902

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: Philip Reinbold

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



SAD OCCURRENCE.
Two Brothers Killed by Lightning.
George and Harry Reinbold Meet Untimely Death.

A cloud of gloom overspread this community early last Thursday morning when the startling news was brought to town that George and Harry Reinbold, brothers, two highly respected young men of this place, together with their horse, had been found dead on the river bank near Mooneytown, about one hundred yards above the iron bridge. To say that the news was a severe shock to the community would be putting it mildly.

Joe and Dick Bohall had been fishing up the river all Wednesday night and started home Thursday morning about half past five o'clock, when they made the horrible discovery. A minute's investigation revealed the fact that they were the victims of lightning. Dick remained upon the ghastly scene while Joe started out to notify those who live near the river and then, accompanied by Zibe McMahan, brought the news to town, and in a very short while quite a crowd had collected upon the spot.

The boys and horse were lying under a large sycamore tree, under which the horse had been hitched. The tree had been first struck by lightning, and its path could be traced around about down the tree, where the bark had been knocked off, to about the height of the horse's head when the bolt left the tree and completed its fearful work of death.

George was lying nearest the trap with his head toward the river and the horse lying on his feet. His left hand still clutched the rope with which the horse had been tied. Harry was lying at the rear end of the buggy, about fifteen feet from the tree, with his body lying parallel with the river. From his position it is supposed that he was lifting the rear end of the buggy so as to make the turn into the road, or was perhaps getting ready to get out the side curtains, to protect them from the coming storm.

That they were killed during the storm the evening before goes without saying as there was no severe lightning after that until their bodies were found. The watch in George's pocket stopped at 5:03 o'clock which is without doubt the exact time they met their sad fate.

Both the young men had attended the funeral of G. W. Weathers Wednesday afternoon and little did they dream that they would be the next occupants of the Silent City of the Dead. After the funeral they went home, changed their clothes and went to the river, which was the last seen of them alive.

Taking the time they left home and the time they were killed, together with the fact that their lines were out and baited, and from other indications, the opinion is well founded that, seeing the storm approaching, they were getting ready to start home and were just in the act of leaving when they met their untimely death.

When they did not return home Wednesday night no alarm was felt by the family, who supposed that the boys had decided to remain at the river all night, as they had, sometimes done before.

After the coroner had been notified Undertaker James S. Clements took charge of the bodies and brought them to town and prepared them for burial. The funeral, which was the first double funeral, as well as one of the largest, ever held in Brownstown, occurred at the Court House, Friday morning, June 27, 1902, at 11 o'clock, under the auspices of Seymour Lodge, No. 44, K. of P., of which George was a member, and Brownstown Lodge, No. 488, I. O. O. F., of which Harry was a member. The services were conducted by Elder G. M. Shutta, assisted by Elder H. A. Wingard.

The fact that the young men were brothers, both in the prime of life, and were taken so suddenly made it an unusual and funeral and an affecting scene and the large court room and gallery were crowded with sympathetic people.

After the services at the court house the remains were conveyed in two hearses to Fairview cemetery, where they were laid to rest, in one large grave, according to the ritualistic services of the respective orders to which they belonged.

George and Harry Reinbold were the sons of Philip Reinbold and wife of this place, and both were born in Driftwood township near Vallonia. George was born March 3, 1868, and at the time of his death was 34 years, 4 months and 15 days of age. He was united in marriage March 28, 1889, to Mary E. Gray, of Medora, where they resided several years, afterward moving to Seymour and from there to Vallonia, where his wife died June 15, 1901. After the death of his wife, George made his home here with his parents. Two orphan children, a boy aged twelve years, and a girl aged nine, survive him.

Harry was born February 10, 1873, and at the time of his death was 29 years, 4 months and 15 days of age. Both were highly respected, sober and industrious young men and had a large circle of friends. Both were members of the Methodist church, in which George especially was an active