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John Bernard Ahrens

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Birth: Aug. 4, 1863
 Fort Loramie
 Shelby County
 Ohio, USA

Death: Sep. 28, 1938
 Maumee
 Lucas County
 Ohio, USA

Son of Henry Ahrens and Carolina Borvahu.
Husband to Anna.

Family links:

- Parents:
 Carolina Ahrens (____ - 1877)
- Spouse:
 Anna Marie Pontius Ahrens (1866 - 1938)*
- Children:
 August Ahrens (1886 - 1886)*
 Mayme Ahrens Farno (1890 - 1971)*
 Charles E Ahrens (1896 - 1963)*
 Lewis Clarence Ahrens (1899 - 1960)*
 Edward Clemens Ahrens (1902 - 1902)*
 Richard J Ahrens (1904 - 1977)*
 Caroline Catherine Ahrens (1906 - 1908)*

*Calculated relationship

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John B. Ahrens

NATIVE OF FT. LORAMIE
Decedent Was In Business 34 Years—Started In 1884

John B. Ahrens, aged 75, widely-known resident of Minster and a business man here for more than a half-century, died Wednesday at 9 p. m. in the Findis Convalescent Home at Maumee, where he had been a patient nearly two years.

Death concluded an illness of more than three years from hardening of the arteries. A paralytic stroke suffered a week before hastened the end. Mr. Ahrens' condition was described as critical from that time until he passed peacefully as he slept.

Born in Ft. Loramie on Aug. 4, 1863 he was a son of the late Henry and Carolina (Zimmerman) Ahrens, pioneers of that place. He attended schools of Ft. Loramie and spent his boyhood there. He came to Minster at the age of 21.

On Jan. 26, 1885 he was married to Anna Klein of Minster in St. Augustine's church here. Mr. and Mrs. Ahrens enjoyed the unusual privilege of celebrating their golden wedding anniversary in 1935 at their home here.

Upon coming to Minster Mr. Ahrens opened a cafe and cigar store on West Fourth street, in the building now occupied by the billiard room of the Rotomann Recreation. Later he moved the business into a building which he erected on South Franklin street immediately south of the Ludenweber building off West Fourth street. Forty-four years ago he established the draying

business which is now the trucking firm known as J. B. Ahrens and Sons.

For many years Mr. Ahrens operated his business with income, carrying out contracts which he held for transportation of freight to and from the Nickel Plate railroad and Western Ohio railway agencies here. In later years he purchased motor trucks.

It was in 1934 that his sons were taken into partnership with him.

Surviving in addition to his widow are five sons and two daughters, namely Bernard of Deerwood, Mich.; William, Dehler, O.; Charles, Louis and Richard Ahrens and Mrs. Mayme Farno, Minster; and Mrs. Elton Koester, West Alexandria, O. William was at his father's bedside at the time of his passing. Four children, Henry, August, Clemens and Carolina, are dead.

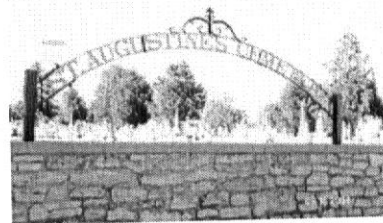
A sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Harting, resides at Cleveland, and a brother, William Klein, is living at Philadelphia. There are 24 grandchildren, four of whom, Bernard, William and Louis Farno and Anna Marie Vogan, were raised and are now living in the home of their grandparents.

Mr. Ahrens was a member of the St. Boniface society of the St. Augustine church parish. Fraternally he was identified with the Knights of St. John and the Eagles, having been a charter member of each. He was the last charter member of the Knights.

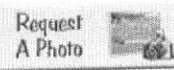
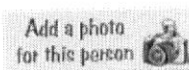
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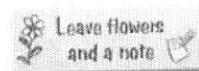
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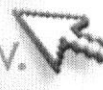
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John B. Ahrns
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