

Chas. J. Krupp Dead; Is Stricken in Office

Wed. May 14, 1924.

DIED SUDDENLY



Chas. J. Krupp.

UNDERTAKER DIED LATER IN HIS HOME

Prominent Sanduskian Was
Former President of State,
National Bodies of His
Profession.

Taken suddenly ill while seated in his office Wednesday morning, Charles J. Krupp, one of the city's leading funeral directors and best known citizens, died at his home 404 Wayne-st., at 9:20 o'clock, a half hour after he had been removed there. Mr. Krupp had reached his office at about 8:30 o'clock and was in his usual good health when he was stricken.

Mr. Krupp was born in Sandusky on April 28, 1857, a son of John and Catherine Krupp. His father was born in Germany, and was an early resident of Erie-co. He was a pioneer in the advancement of the profession of embalming and for the past fifty-four years has been

engaged as a funeral director here. He was considered a leader in his profession in the city and was well known throughout the state, having held positions of trust under two state administrations.

His father was born in Rhenish, Bavaria, Germany, and at the age of eleven years accompanied his parents to Ohio. He attended the schools at Seneca-co and for some

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Chas. J. Krupp was the last person to look upon the face of the late President William McKinley. As a member of the state licensing board of embalmers he officiated at the funeral, closing the casket before it was placed in the tomb.

years was engaged in cabinet making in Tiffin. In 1845 he entered the employe of the Sandusky, Mansfield and Newark railroad in this city. He remained with that company until 1870 when he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business here, retiring from the business in 1895 and was succeeded by his son, Charles J. Krupp, who was already in partnership with him and his son-in-law, Henry T. Goebel. Following his retirement the elder Krupp continued to reside in this city until his death which occurred in 1911.

When he was suddenly stricken he told his assistant, Edward P. Quirk, that he was not feeling well and asked to be taken to his home. Upon reaching the residence medical attention was promptly administered, but death resulted soon afterward. Death is believed to have been caused by a stroke of apoplexy.

Few men in the city were better known than Mr. Krupp and when news of his death became known general regret as expressed, his long business career in the city together with his activity in civic projects and connections with social and fraternal organizations having made him well known and popular.

Mr. Krupp attended the parochial schools here until he was eleven years old and later continued his studies at Sandusky High school for two years. He had the distinction of being one of the youngest students over to enter the High school. At the age of thirteen he gave up his school work, and on May 1, 1870, entered his father's employ. He soon became familiar with the work and at the end of eight years was admitted to partnership, the firm name being John Krupp & Son. The senior member of the firm retired in 1895 and the newly organized firm of Krupp and Goebel conducted the business for five years. In 1900 the firm dissolved, Mr. Goebel continuing in the furniture business while Mr. Krupp took over the undertaking business which he carried on to the time of his death with unquestioned success.

In 1882, Prof. Auguste Renouard, arriving from France, started classes in scientific embalming in this country. His first class after leaving New York was in Detroit, and Mr. Krupp was one of the nineteen

embalmers who took the first instructions in embalming given by Renouard. From that time on Mr. Krupp was a leader in the ranks of embalmers, skilled in the modern process. He had ever been abreast of advancement in his profession, and his fame as an embalmer and funeral director had not been confined to this city.

Mr. Krupp had been prominently identified with many organizations. He was a member of the Ohio State Funeral Directors' and Embalmers' Association, having served as president of the organization. He was always active in the affairs of the organization and at the convention of the association held at Cedar Point last summer took a very prominent part and was in charge of the arrangements. He was also a member of the National Funeral Directors' of Embalming Examiners, being president of the board for two years and secretary for the same number of years. He was appointed to the board for a three-year term by Governor Myron T. Herrick and again appointed for a term of similar length by Governor A. L. Harris. For one year Mr. Krupp served as president of the State and Provincial Board of Examiners for the United States and Canada.

Mr. Krupp, during his many years of activity in the undertaking profession, was, often called upon to assist in the funeral services of prominent men. One distinction which he always cherished was that of having had the honor of closing the casket at the funeral of President McKinley which was held at Canton. He was a member of the state board at the time and took a part in the funeral service.

He was favorably known throughout the state by hundreds of men engaged in the same work, having granted licenses to many funeral directors while he was a member of the licensing board. He made a study of his profession and always attended meetings and conventions where lecturers and talks were given by prominent men engaged in the teaching and practice of his profession.

Mr. Krupp had for many years been active in various fraternal organizations. He was a charter member of Sandusky lodge of Elks, No. 285, and served as exalted ruler of the lodge in 1897-98 and at the time of his death was the oldest living past exalted ruler of the lodge. He was a member of the board of trustees of the Elks' Home association and had always taken an active part in all work of the lodge.

He was also a charter member of Sandusky Council, Knights of Columbus, No. 546, a past grand knight and past treasurer. He was also a member of the fourth degree assembly and for many years took an active part in the work of the organization.

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