

Obituary, John P. Gottsacker, Sheboygan Press, September 3, 1948

John P. Gottsacker, 2425 N. 11th street, former Sheboygan captain of police, died last night at St. Nicholas hospital.

His retirement from the city police department on May 31, 1946, brought to an end a police career of 37 1/2 years and gave him the distinction of serving on the force longer than any other man ever in the department. He became a patrolman on Nov. 17, 1908, was promoted to lieutenant on Jan. 22, 1923, and was appointed captain on Jan. 20, 1933, a position which he held until the time of his retirement.

Born in Sheboygan on August 8, 1877, the son of the late Peter and Rose Gottsacker, he attended Holy Name school and the Sheboygan Business college. His marriage to Margareth Bewerse was solemnized at Holy Name church by the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. D. F. Thill on Nov. 4, 1902. A life-long member of the church, he was also affiliated with its Holy Name society.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Roland and Julian of Sheboygan; a daughter, Lucille, at home; seven grandchildren; two brothers, Peter and Hugo; and three sisters, Mrs. Anna Conrad, Mrs. Helen Smyth, and Mrs. Clara Dressen, all of this city.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning at 9:30 at Gerend's Funeral home at 10 o'clock with a requiem high mass at Holy Name church. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Phillipp Dreis will be the celebrant, and burial will take place in Calvary cemetery on the family lot.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 7 o'clock Saturday evening until the hour of services. Members of the Holy Name society and the Usher's society of Holy Name church will hold a joint vigil at Gerend's Funeral home Sunday evening at 7:30.