

and in an exciting manner, attempted to relate some of the details of the catastrophe.

He seemed intoxicated.

The charred bodies of Andrew and Sam were in the ashes. The brothers, 75 and 79 years old, were found after fire illuminated the entire countryside.

Sheriff J.C. Weckman and Joseph Menden, who lived 1 1/2 miles away, arrived by 6 a.m. The sheriff went to the Martinson's home, half a mile away, and placed the two brothers under arrest.

A coroner's inquest happened on Tuesday.

Martin and Morris went to the Beisang brothers' cottage between 8 or 9 pm on Saturday, May 26th. They prepared and ate a late meal after which they all indulged in drinking apparently to a very excessive degree, according to ***Shakopee Argus Tribune***.

One witness said he heard noises from the direction of the Beisang cottage throughout the night. These noises included swearing and cursing.



The jury, after the inquest, returned a verdict acquitting the Martinson brothers from all blame in connection with the deaths of Andrew and Sam Beisang. "Sam and Andrew Beisang came to their death by burning in a fire which destroyed their home. The origin or cause of fire being unknown to the jury."

The remains were brought to the A.B. Wise undertaking parlors at Shakopee on Sunday.

The funeral happened from the Wise chapel at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 30. Interment was made in St. Mark's cemetery.



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**Samuel
Beisang
1848-1928**

**Andrew
Beisang
1851-1928**

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Samuel Beisang was born on November 6, 1848 in Wellesley, Ontario, Canada.

He was the second child of William Beisang (1821-1888) and Brigetta Bridget Middleholtz (1826-1910.)

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Two Aged Brothers Found Dead in Ruins

Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, May 28, 1928

Prior Lake, Minnesota --Two aged brothers were found dead in the fire swept ruins of their home near here Sunday and county authorities today held as "material witnesses" two men alleged to have visited the victims Saturday night. The bodies of Andrew Beisang, 75 and his brother Samuel, 79 were found in the ruins of the Beisang home. Martin and Morris Martinson, brothers, were taken into custody.

Andrew Beisang was born on November 6, 1851 at Wellesley. He was the third child of several children of William and Brigetta.

Sam and Andrew, along with their parents, sisters, and brothers, moved from their home in Cross Hill, Ontario, Canada in 1878.

They settled own a farm located 5 miles east of Shakopee on Highway 5 near the Barden station.

Andrew moved to St. Paul where he was employed as a baker from the National Biscuit Company for 20 years.

Then he moved to Eagle Creek area, between Shakopee and Prior Lake. He built a cottage.

He never married.

Sam lived on the farm near Barden. At some point, he married Nellie Hoffmann, but did not stay together long.

In 1913, Sam moved to Eagle Creek to live with Andrew. Samuel was 79 years old in 1928. Andrew reached the three quarter century mark.

About 3:45 a.m. on Sunday, May 27, 1928, a fire started at the two-room cottage. Neighbors near the cottage noticed the fire, A group of them headed to the cottage to give assistance. As they arrived, they noticed two men, Martin and Morris Martinson, brothers, walking near the fire.

Morris told them to put in an alarm. He then went to other cottages to let them know. Martin stayed at the fire,