

# NECK BROKEN WHEN THROWN FROM A HORSE

**John Harn, Aged 23, of Luzerne Township, Loses Life in Attempt to Ride Unbroken Colt.**

**ACCIDENT OCCURS SUNDAY AT NOON**

(By J. W. Gebelle)

BROWNSTOWN, Aug. 23. — Attempting to ride an unbroken colt without a saddle in a pasture field on the Charleston farm, in Luzerne township about noon today, John W. Harn, aged 23, was thrown head first from the animal's back and killed instantly when it got beyond his control. Harn was thrown to one side and fell on his neck and shoulders. The man's neck was broken. Life had departed when his father, John Morgan Harn arrived at the victim's side.

Harn, who is a farmer, was attempting to ride the colt from the pasture field to the barn when the runaway occurred. The pasture field is located a short distance from the Charleston homestead and adjoins the barn. John M. Harn, and a neighbor, accompanied the young farmer to the pasture field and watched him catch the spirited colt.

After succeeding in bridling the animal young Harn vaulted to its back. Grasping the bridle reins tightly in his hands, the equestrian clung to the animal's sides while it dashed up the field. When the horse arrived at the top of a steep hill just before reaching the barn, it suddenly took fright at some object and plunged down the embankment.

Winding his legs around the colt's sides Harn made a desperate attempt to retain his seat but the plunging of the horse, together with the steep incline down which the horse galloped, caused him to lose his balance and he toppled head first over the animal's side. The man's father and the neighbor rushed to his assistance but when they arrived there was no sign of life.

Harn was picked up and carried into the house and Dr. A. C. Smith, of this place, summoned. When Dr. Smith arrived he discovered immediately that the man's neck had been broken. He is of the opinion that death was instantaneous. It is not known what caused the young horse to become frightened and cause the tragedy.

The victim is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harn, and three sisters, Mrs. Blanche Porter, and the Misses Mary and Bertha Harn.

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