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J. L. SIPE DIES VERY SUDDENLY HERE TODAY

Heart Stroke Fatal to Local Man Who Worked All Forenoon;

Died at 11:45

BROTHER BURIED LAST SUNDAY

Joseph Lewis Sipe, 82, well-known local man living on East Water street, died very suddenly at his home at 11:45 o'clock today. Mr. Sipe was the last surviving brother to John Henry Sipe who was buried a week ago Sunday. Mr. Sipe suffered a heart attack and died on the sofa in the living room at their home.

The deceased had been in good health, considering his age, and was hale and hearty. Today he helped his daughter-in-law, Mrs. W. L. Sipe, wash. After they had finished the wash he went to the Berne Milling Company where he got some kindling and stored them in the barn for use this winter. After he had that completed he went into the garden where he worked for some time, spading ground. Soon after 11 o'clock he went to sit on the porch swing to rest and then remarked that he was going into the house to get a drink of water. Mrs. W. L. Sipe then heard his call and she rushed into the house to find him sitting on the sofa. He said, "I've had a stroke and it's all off now, but call the doctor." A local physician was summoned but in a few minutes Mr. Sipe was dead.

It was stated by relatives today that Mr. Sipe said after his brother's death several days ago he hoped he would not have to be sick any longer than his brother had been.

Joseph Lewis Sipe was born in Henry County, Indiana May 7, 1849, a son of William and Elizabeth Foreman Sipe. On February 27, 1873, he was united in marriage to Miss Arabelle Garrison. She survives. For many years the couple lived on a farm in Blue Creek township and moved to Berne in 1905 where they had since resided.

Surviving are the following five children: W. L. Sipe, who made his home with his parents here; Mrs. Frank Merriman of Blue Creek township; Chauncey Sipe of Blue Creek township; Mrs. Frank Brewster of Berne; Mrs. Jesse Snyder of Muncie. Two children preceded him, Mrs. Gus Douglas and Judson. Four brothers preceded him: J. H. Sipe, Andrew Jackson Sipe, William Riley Sipe and George Willis Sipe.

Mr. Sipe was a faithful member of (rest is missing - died Sept. 21, 1931)

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