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John Lobsiger, Sr., was born in Freeswell, Switzerland, September 22, 1867, son of Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Lobsiger, and departed this life at the age of 79 years, 6 months and 19 days. He was at the home of a son, Edward Lobsiger, of Decatur, at the time of death.

On February 22, 1891 he was married to Minerva E. Bollinger, who preceded him in death, and to this union were born 17 children, two preceding them in death. The following survive and mourn the passing of their father and grandfather. Mrs. Bessie Braun, Mrs. Mary Coffee, Mrs. Velma Daniels, Charles, Edward and Noble Lobsiger all of Decatur. Mrs. Ruth Beitler of Geneva; Mrs. Esther Brokaw, Mrs. Mable Woodby, Flint, Mich; William, Hentington Park, Calif.; Harry, Seattle, Wash; Mrs. Lucinda Tierney, Ft. Wayne; John Jr. Wellston, Mich., Paul, Monroe; Mrs. Lola Strahm, Craigville. One brother, Charles of Bluffton. 44 Grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Mr. Lobsiger came to this country at the age of 11. He was christened in the Reformed Church in Switzerland and later joined the Winchester Church, in which he remained a member until his death.

He was also interested in church and its work and was one of the first founders of the church having lived with his family in this country for 52 years. His family will miss the kindness and love of a wonderful father.

Funeral services were held at the church Saturday afternoon, March 15. Rev. L A Midaugh was the minister. Burial was in Ray cemetery, near Monroe.

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