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BIXLER RITES ARE HELD HERE THIS AFTERNOON

Abraham Bixler, 86, Dies Here Early Tuesday Morning

Abraham Bixler, aged 86, well-known retired farmer and for the past several months a resident of Berne, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Burke, on east Water street, at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. Mr. Burke had been in failing health for some time and became bedfast five days before his death.

Mr. Bixler was born in Switzerland, September 6, 1849. He came to this country when a small lad and on August 21, 1875 was married to Barbara Nussbaum, who preceded him in death. He had made his home with the Burke family for the last 13 years. The family lived on farms in this community for many years and Mr. Bixler was widely known.

The Bixler family lived in Wabash township southeast of Berne for some time, then west of Berne and also at one time north of town where the Sylvan Sprunger family now lives.

Surviving are the following eight children: Mrs. John Burke, Berne; John Bixler, Geneva; Jacob, Hesperia, Michigan; Judith Bixler, Ft. Wayne; Adam, Berne; Ben, Geneva; William, South Bend and Mrs. Henry Moser, who with her husband, is engaged in missionary work in Africa. A brother, Sol Bixler of Geneva and one sister, Mrs. Mary Kiener, of Bluffton, Ohio, also survive.

The funeral was held this afternoon at 1:45 o'clock at the Burke home and at 2 o'clock at the Mennonite church, Rev. C. H. Suckau officiating. Burial was in the MRE Cemetery.

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