

Peter E. Habegger Succumbs To Stomach Trouble Sunday.

Berne, Nov. 25th. — Peter E. Habegger, 71, another aged and well known Swiss pioneer of Berne, passed to his reward Sunday afternoon at 3:20 o'clock. His death brings much sorrow upon his many relatives and friends although the end had been expected for some weeks. The cause of his death is given as stomach trouble, having suffered several years with deterioration of the stomach, which initially developed into a cancerous condition which has slowly been eating his life away for quite a number of years. Death occurred at his home on the corner of Columbia and High Streets in Berne.

Mr. Habegger was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter and Elizabeth (Lehman) Habegger and was a member of a family of fifteen children, he was born in Flub, District Delemont, Canton, Bern, Switzerland, on May 21, 1852. At the age of 24 years in 1876 he immigrated to this country, with his wife and small child, and his parents and brothers and sisters. In sailing for America the Habegger family experienced considerable difficulty on their voyage and spent about 35 days on the sea.

On arriving in America, the family settled in the vicinity of Berne and Peter became the owner of the farm now owned by his son-in-law, Daniel Lehman, east of Berne. Soon after he settled here, he lost a three-year-old son, Christian, and in 1883 his first wife died who was formerly Barbara Moser, to whom he was married on Nov. 28, 1874. Two children by this marriage survive, who are Mrs. Katherine Lehman and Noah of Berne.

On Dec, 27, 1886, he was married to his second wife, Miss Julia Franz, who survives. To this union were born three children, two of whom survive who are Mrs. Hulda Lehman of Wabash township and Miss Lydia, at home. A son, Levi Habegger, died several years ago.

In 1903, because of poor health Mr. Habegger moved with his family to Berne. The same year he went to California where he spent some time for his health, and in 1913 Mr. and Mrs. Habegger and a brother, J. Habegger, went to Switzerland to visit their native country. Since their return he has been living a retired life.

Besides his family who survives are the following brothers and sister Abraham, Jacob P., Solomon, David, Benjamin, Mrs. Verena Amstutz, and Louis, all of Berne. Mrs. Freda Frank Hauser of Port Hope, Michigan, and Mrs. Joshua Sprunger of Berne who were sisters, preceded him in death. Several of his brothers and sisters died in infancy.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock at the home and at 1:30 o'clock the Mennonite church.