

Monday, July 27, 1942

Fred Mathys Dies Suddenly of Heart Attack Rites Here Tuesday for Prominent Farmer, Former Local Man

Frederick Mathys, 76, prominent Wabash Township farmer, and former Berne man, died suddenly at his home four and one half miles southeast of Berne at 6:50 o'clock Saturday evening. He was stricken while out in the yard and died in a short time. Death was caused by a heart attack, according to the attending physician.

Mr. Mathys had not been well for three years, but his death was unexpected. He was widely known throughout this community. Before moving on the farm, he operated a brick yard in the south part of Berne where he manufactured bricks. He was also employed on the county highways for some time.

The deceased was born in Switzerland, January 31, 1866, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mathys. He came to this country at the age of 23, or in 1889 and on October 28, 1893, he was married here to Lydia Klopfenstein. She survives, together with the following four sons, four daughters and two sisters: Clinton of near Geneva, Wilbur of Muncie, Vernon of near Bluffton, and Herman Mathys at home; four daughters, Mrs. Alfred Hanni of Decatur, Mrs. Harold Dubach of Wells County, Mrs. John Derrickson of Willard, Ohio and Mrs. Earl Buckingham of Geneva; two sisters, Mrs. Rose Messerli and Mrs. Marie Depping, both of Switzerland.

Twenty-four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive.

The parents, two daughters and a brother preceded.

Mr. Mathys was a member of the Cross Reformed Church where services will be held at 10:00 o'clock Tuesday morning, following a short service at the home. Rev. C. A. Schmid will officiate and burial will be in the MRE Cemetery.

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