

Berne Witness, Adams County, Indiana; Monday, Jan. 30, 1933

SAM MESHBERGER FUNERAL TODAY

Well Known Berne Man Dies Saturday from Blood Poisoning

Sam Meshberger, 75, well known Berne man died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elsie Sparling at Moweaqua, Ill., Saturday morning at 6:00 o'clock. Death was attributed to blood poisoning caused from a splinter that had entered his foot and that had become infected.

Funeral services were held at the First Mennonite church this morning at 10 o'clock and were conducted by Rev. C. H. Suckau, pastor of the church. Burial was made at the M. R. E. cemetery.

Mr. Meshberger was born Aug. 15, 1857, the son of Jacob and Rosina Reffe Meshberger. His birth took place in French township. His exact age at the time of death was 75 years, five months and 13 days.

He was married to Alberta Huffman who died in 1896. They farmed in French township. About forty years ago Mr. Meshberger moved to Berne and served as a teamster for the P. W. Smith saw mill. Later in his career he served as Berne's street sprinkler and street cleaner in which he took considerable pride. His home was on the West Main St.

Two children survive. They are Mrs. Elsie Sparling, Moweaqua, Ill., and Earl at Detroit. Three brothers survive. They are John and Ben of Linn Grove and Jacob of Elreno, Oklahoma.

One child died in infancy. Brothers and sisters who preceded are Abe, Maddie Rohn, David, all of Linn Grove, Fred of Ft. Wayne, Christina Bierie, Mary Dunbar of Linn Grove, Elizabeth and Sarah Gerber.

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