

Unnamed newspaper clipping dated Thursday, August 6, 1936

AGED RETIRED FARMER DIES AT HOME HERE

Emanuel Sprunger, 81 Dies; Funeral is Saturday Afternoon

Emanuel Sprunger, aged 81, prominent retired farmer, died shortly before 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at his home on North Sprunger street. Death was caused by uremia and complications. A post mortem was held to determine the cause of death.

Mr. Sprunger had been bedfast for two weeks. Previous to that time he was able to come uptown, although he had been in failing health for some time. He suffered from kidney (?) at various times. Sunday he suffered chills and since then his condition was critical and he weakened rapidly. Mr. Sprunger was unconscious several hours before his demise and passed away quietly.

Mr. Sprunger was born in what is now the Berne corporation limits, he is said to have been the first child born here. He was a son of Peter and Marianna Moser Sprunger and was born Nov. 18, 1854. Both father and mother came here from Switzerland in the pioneer days of 1852.

Mr. Sprunger was married to (?) Stauffer, Dec, 5, 1880. On the same date in 1930 the couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Sprunger passed away May 20, 1932. (?) his marriage, Mr. Sprunger was a prominent carpenter and built many of the early homes. He was also a prominent farmer (?) years, residing one and one-half miles north of Berne, on the farm where Rufus Sprunger now lives, (?) years ago he and his wife moved to Berne.

Surviving are the following children: Rufus, Adolph and (?) Sprunger, all of north of town; Caleb (?) Sprunger of Berne, and Zilla and Arley (?) of Berne. Nineteen grandchildren, (?), two great-grandchildren .

Brothers and sisters surviving: C.C. and Benjamin Sprunger, Emanuel Liechty and Mrs. (?) Stucky. Two brothers (?) Daniel are deceased....cut off (PHOTO PROVIDED)

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