

**Adams County Historical Museum scrapbook clipping with handwritten date of Monday, December 21, 1936**

EMIL FRANZ, 67, DIES SUNDAY P. M. AT MIDDLEBURY

Former Berne Official to Be Buried Wednesday

Well Known Here

Emil Franz, age 67, brother of Dr. Ernest Franz and Mrs. Peter E. Habegger of this place, and a former well known Berne man, died at his home at Middlebury at 9:00 o'clock last evening. He had been very severely ill since mid-summer. Death was caused by dropsy and complications.

The deceased man was an attorney, real estate and insurance man at Middlebury where he moved with his family from Berne in 1911.

Mr. Franz was born at Affeltrangen, Canton Thurgau, Switzerland, March 29, 1869, the son of Daniel and Elizabeth Schaad Franz. He came to Berne as a young man and was an attorney here for many years. He served as fire chief of the Berne Volunteer Fire department for many years and also as a town marshal from 1894 to 1897. He organized the fire department at Middlebury about 25 years ago and served as its chief for many years.

His marriage to Miss Katie Lehman was an event of September 22, 1895. Four daughters and a son were born to the union. Surviving are the widow and the following children: Mrs. Bertha Hasson, Middlebury; Mrs. Rose Smoker, New Paris; Daniel, cashier of the bank at Middlebury; Mrs. Elma Shaw of Burr Oak, Mich., and Viola at home. A brother, Dr. Ernest Franz, and a sister, Mrs. Peter E. Habegger, both of this place, and a half-sister, Mrs. Jacque Westrich of West Hempstead, L. I., N. Y., survive. A brother, Otto, died a number of years ago, and one brother died in infancy.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist church at Middlebury where he was a member, Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock following a brief service at the home.

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