

(Handwritten date: Sept. 15, 1948)

NOAH FRANKLIN STEINER, son of Rev. Abraham and Mary Ann (Kohler) Steiner, was born three and one-half miles west of Bluffton on Jan. 18, 1873, the youngest of twelve children. He lived on the family homestead until the time of his death on August 15, 1948 at the age of 75 years, 6 months and 27 days. He had been in failing health for several years, but death came after a critical illness of eleven weeks during which time he bore his suffering patiently. In the last weeks of his life, he on a number of occasions, expressed his deep faith in God and his desire to meet the Lord.

As a young man he accepted Christ as his Savior and united with the Evangelical Mennonite Church of which he remained a faithful member until his death. He always took an active interest in the program of the church, having served as Sunday School superintendent and as a former member of the Board of Trustees and the Church Council.

(Cut off)...Abraham, Jonathan, Glen and Rosella, died in infancy. He leaves to mourn his departure, his life-time companion, five daughters, Mrs. Albert Oyer, Mrs. Adella Oyer, Mrs. Earl (cut off)and Mrs. Harry ... fourteen grandchildren.

He was a devoted husband and father and will be greatly missed in his home, the church and the community.

Funeral services were conducted at the (cut off)...furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Treadway. Burial was made in the church cemetery.

(Karin King note: Noah is buried in Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery, Bluffton, Allen County, OHIO)

(Handwritten date: May 16, 1949)

MATHILDA KOHM STEVENSON, fell asleep in Jesus at the home of her daughter Anna in New York City, on April 9, 1949.

She was born in Germany June 16, 1871, thus having attained the age of 77 years, 9 months and 23 days.

She came to America in her late teens. Through the continual coaxing of her older sisters she attended services at the First Methodist Church where a short time later she gave her heart to the Lord.

The minister spoke on Ezek. 36:26-27, "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh." And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them."

Shortly after her conversion she felt that God had saved her for a purpose. She began her work by doing house to house visitation with an older experienced missionary. About this time she visited the Christian Mission (cut off)

...she was married to a fellow missionary, Alvin James Stevenson. They had many difficult but happy years telling of the matchless love of Jesusnot knowing the Light of the world....and was a left a widow with three small children...

During the years she had labored in various fields of Christian service and God has given her a faithful ministry. For a time she was a worker at the Salem Children's Home near ??

She believed in the power of prayer. Her humble, prayerful sincere Christian Life was (cut off)

Surviving and mourning her life are her three children (cut off) eight grandchildren and three sisters, Mrs. John Gittinger and Mrs. Minnie Anderson of Meadows, Illinois, Ollilia Schiller of Germany , a brother John Kohm of New York City besides many friends.

(Dated: Feb. 15, 1950)

MRS. ELIZABETH GERBER ACKERMAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gerber, was born July 15, 1856 in Tazewell County, (cut) always living in or near the Morton community during her lifetime.

She was married to Daniel Ackerman and for many years they lived on a farm about 1/2 mile east of Groveland. They were the parents of three children: Reuben and Marianne of Morton, and Roy of near Groveland. Her husband preceded her in death 17 years ago at the family home in Morton. Three brothers and three sisters also preceded her.

In her early youth she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and united with the Evangelical Mennonite Church being a faithful member until her death. Until old age compelled her to stay at

home she would faithfully be at her place in church. She took an active interest in the Church and the promotion of the Kingdom of God.

She will be missed by (cut off)

Surviving besides her three children, are three grandchildren, one great-grandchild, four sisters and a host of friends,

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Funeral services were conducted (cut) ...formerly of the Groveland Missionary Church and at the church by Rev. Emanuel Rocke, her former pastor, but now of the Woodburn, Indiana Evangelical Mennonite church, assisted by Rev. Paul Rupp. Interment was in the cemetery by the church.

(Karin King note: Elizabeth buried at Groveland Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery, Groveland, Tazewell County, Illinois)

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