

Wednesday, December 15, 1943

David Gerber, 82, Dies at Decatur

Funeral Thursday for Native of Berne; Former County Clerk

David Gerber, 82, a native of Berne but for many years a resident of Decatur and a prominently known Adams County livestock dealer and a former county clerk, died Tuesday morning at 3:30 o'clock at the Adams County Memorial Hospital. Death was attributed to a heart ailment and followed an illness of one month.

Mr. Gerber was born in Berne on March 1, 1861, the son of Christian and Elizabeth Zmutt-Gerber. Earlier in life he operated a stone quarry and was engaged in exporting horses.

From 1904 to 1908, he served as county clerk, after being elected on the Democratic ticket. He moved to Decatur from Berne 47 years ago.

His wife, Sarah Meshberger-Gerber preceded him in death on October 16, 1932. He was a member of the Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church at Decatur.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. J. Fred Fruchte, and a son, Edgar Gerber, both of Decatur; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A son, a daughter, one brother, one sister, three half-brothers and one half-sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Zwick Funeral Home and 2:30 o'clock at the Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church, with Rev. William C. Fellers officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur Cemetery.

Friends may view the body at the Zwick Funeral Home in Decatur until time for the funeral.

Friday, December 6, 1943

Husband of Adeline Schrag Dies in East

A telegram was received today at the E. A. Luginbill home announcing the death of Rev. William A. Deissler of Wharton, New Jersey. Rev. Deissler was the husband of the former Miss Adeline Schrag, who was a member of the Berne High School faculty from the autumn of 1925 to the spring of 1928. The cause and time of death was not stated,

but stated that the funeral would be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist Church where he was a pastor.

The widow, a son and daughter survive. Miss Schrag and Rev. Deissler became acquainted in 1928 on a Holy Land tour and were married about a year later. They have been living in the east ever since where Rev. Deissler has been serving as a pastor in the Methodist Church.

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