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MINERVA DUDGEON DIED EARLY TODAY IN BLUE CREEK TP.

Funeral Sunday Afternoon at Mt. Hope For Native of Community

Mrs. Minerva E. Dudgeon, 86, a native of Blue Creek township and almost a lifelong resident on the farm on which she was born, passed away this morning at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Dudgeon, the widow of the late Douglas Dudgeon, has been ailing for two years and was bedfast the past two weeks.

The deceased was born on August 9, 1857, a daughter of Henry and Lucretia Davis-Stacy. Her marriage to Mr. Dudgeon took place on January 28, 1887, at Decatur. Mr. Dudgeon preceded her seven years ago.

Surviving are the following children: Truman who resides in Ohio, Idella at home, Mrs. Edna Lawson here in Berne and Arlie Dudgeon of Fort Wayne. Four sons and four daughters have preceded her. Surviving are also 11 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild. A great-grandson William Chapman is serving in the U.S. Navy in Oklahoma. A brother and four sisters preceded her. They were John Stacy, Mary, Armina, Roena and Surena. A half-brother, Samuel Stacy, and a half-sister, Mrs. Eliza Kauffman, also preceded her.

The body was taken to the Yager Funeral Home where friends may call until the time of the funeral Sunday afternoon.

She was a member of the Mt. Hope Church where funeral services will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Rev. W. F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope cemetery.

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TWO LOCAL MEN ARE GRANTED CITIZENSHIP

Three natives of Switzerland were granted citizenship to the United States by Judge J. Fred Fruchte in the Adams circuit court on Wednesday afternoon when final hearings were held on their applications. They are Jacob A. Habegger, 73, and Robert Burkhalter, 43, of this community and Frederick Christener, 60, of Decatur.

Mr. Burkhalter came to this country in October 1913 and Mr. Habegger in April 1876 and Mr. Christener, formerly of this community, came to the United States in April, 1884.

Four others, including two Mexicans were scheduled for final examinations, but did not appear in court.

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HAS OPERATION

Chalmer Baumgartner, former local young man and son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Baumgartner southeast of town, underwent an emergency appendectomy at the Methodist hospital in Fort Wayne shortly after midnight this morning. Chalmer suffered an acute attack Thursday. Mr. Baumgartner is manager of the Goodyear Retread company in that city.

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