

Wednesday, December 1, 1943

David Habegger, 83, Succumbs on Monday Evening  
Funeral Thursday Afternoon at Mennonite Church for Retired Farmer

David Habegger, 83, a well-known retired farmer of this place, passed away Monday evening at 5:40 o'clock at the Adams County Memorial Hospital, scarcely an hour after he had been admitted there. Mr. Habegger had been seriously ill the past two weeks at his home on West Main Street and prior to that time he had been in failing health over an extended period because of his advanced age. Complications arose on Monday that made an emergency operation necessary; however, death relieved him of further suffering as well as having to undergo the operation.

Mr. Habegger spent the greater part of his life on his fine farm northeast of town, where his son Frank and family now reside. He was a native of Canton Bern, Switzerland, where he was born on November 27, 1860. Only last Saturday he reached his 83<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. He was the son of Peter and Elizabeth Habegger. He immigrated with other members of his family at the age of 8, coming to this community where he made his permanent home.

He was married to Miss Elizabeth Lehman on September 14, (illegible), their union being blessed with eight children, seven of whom survive. Their companionship was severed through the death of Mrs. Habegger on August 19, 1910. On February 1, 1912, Mr. Habegger was married a second time, his companion being Mrs. Mathilda Kirchhofer. That union was blessed with one daughter, who also survives.

Members of Mr. Habegger's surviving family include Mrs. Habegger and the following children: Metta, wife of Rev. S. T. Moyer, missionaries in India; Rev. Alfred Habegger, Busby, missionary among the Cheyenne Indians; Frank Habegger, residing on the Habegger Home farm; Ella, wife of Rev. S. Rosenberger of Dalton, Ohio; Amos of West Lafayette; Miss Cora, teacher at Franklin, Ohio; Elizabeth, wife of Ralph Mosser at Seven Mile, Ohio; Victoria, wife of William Wells of Lima, Ohio. There are also 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Two brothers and a sister also survive. They are J. P. Habegger of this place, but now spending the winter months in St. Petersburg, Florida; Louis and Mrs. Jacob U. Amstutz of this place.

A daughter, Miss Maryann on September 6, 1942 and another daughter, Rosa Lavina in infancy preceded him as did the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Joshua Sprunger, Mrs. Marianna Funkhauser, Abraham, Peter, Solomon and Benjamin and five brothers and sisters died in infancy.

The body was returned to the home on Tuesday evening from the Yager Mortuary.

Funeral services will be held at the First Mennonite Church. Mr. Habegger was a lifelong and faithful member of that congregation. Rev. C. H. Suckau will officiate and burial will be in the MRE Cemetery.

## BIRTHS

Wednesday, August 18, 1943

A baby girl was born on Tuesday to Samuel D. and Magdalena Zook Wickey at their home near Monroe.

Born to Captain and Mrs. Sterling P. Hoffman, Jr., a baby boy on Tuesday at the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. The baby is the grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Sterling P. Hoffman, Sr., of Fort Wayne. Capt. Hoffman is at the present location at the Army Airfield at Harvard, Nebraska as a group surgeon of a bombing group.

Mr. and Mrs. Rene Brandt of Route 6, Decatur, are the parents of a baby girl, born Monday morning at the Adams County Memorial Hospital.

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