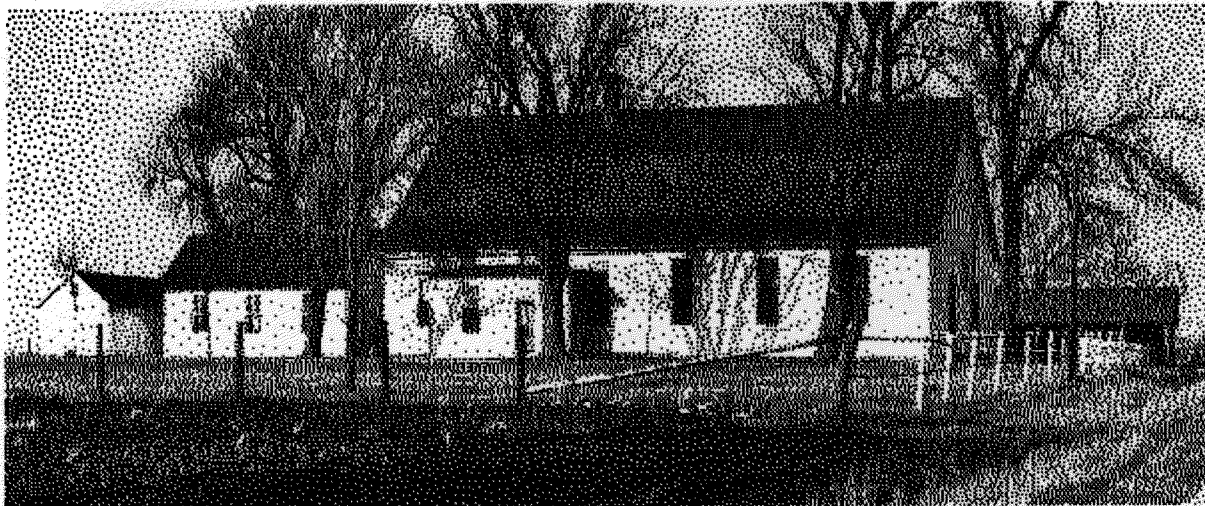


**74 YEARS OF
“SOUTH SIDE”
APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN
CHURCH HISTORY**



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WELCOME

I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU TO THIS REVISED VERSION OF BEN NUSSBAUM'S 1973 BOOK ABOUT THE "SOUTH SIDE" APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, AND HIS DAYS AS A BOY AT THE OLD CHURCH.

DO TO THE LACK OF AVAILABLE COPIES OF BEN'S ORIGINAL BOOK, THIS REVISED VERSION WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR OTHERS TO OWN AND ENJOY THESE OLD STORIES ABOUT OUR CHURCH'S PAST.

THIS NEW VERSION CONTAINS NEW INFORMATION FOUND WHILE I HAVE BEEN DOING MY RESEARCH ON THE CHURCH AND PERSONS WHO WERE MEMBERS OR JUST ATTENDED THE "SOUTH SIDE" DURING IT'S 74 YEARS IN SERVICE.

I THINK YOU WILL ENJOY THIS WALK THRU THE CHURCH'S HISTORY AND MAYBE EVEN BRING BACK OLD MEMORIES OF YOUR OWN.

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BENJAMIN NUSSBAUM 1892 - 1975

INDIAN ARTIFACT COLLECTOR, BEN NUSSBAUM, 82, DIES.

BENJAMIN NUSSBAUM, 82, FAIRBURY, WHOSE COLLECTION OF NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN BANNER STONES WAS REPUTEDLY THE FINEST IN THE UNITED STATES, DIED AT 3:12 P.M. THURSDAY, SEPT. 18, 1975, AT FAIRBURY HOSPITAL. HE HELD THE LONGEST MEMBERSHIP IN THE WISCONSIN ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY AND A MEMBER OF THE ILLINOIS SOCIETY.

HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FAIRBURY AND WAS THE AUTHOR OF A COMPLETE HISTORY ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCHES.

MR. NUSSBAUM WAS A RETIRED FARMER AND ALSO SUPERINTENDENT OF THE FAIRBURY WATERWORKS.

HIS FUNERAL WAS HELD AT 10 A.M. SATURDAY, SEPT. 21, AT THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH WITH BURIAL IN GRACELAND CEMETERY. DUFFY-PILS MEMORIAL HOME WAS IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

PALLBEARERS WERE HARVEY GUTWEIN, FRANCESVILLE, IND.; ALBERT HONEGGER, CHATSWORTH; NELSON NUSSBAUM, SR., RURAL FORREST; FRED, JONATHAN AND PERRY MUNZ, ALL OF FAIRBURY.

HE WAS BORN SEPT. 24, 1892 AT FORREST, A SON OF SAMUEL AND CHRISTINA STORTZ NUSSBAUM. HE MARRIED RUTH MARGUERITE ZOOK. SHE DIED IN 1929. HE MARRIED LYDIA MUNZ MAY 10, 1941.

SURVIVING ARE HIS WIFE, A SON, WILMER NUSSBAUM, XENIA, OHIO; AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN.

FIVE BROTHERS AND THREE SISTERS PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH.

FOREWORD

HISTORY, UNFORTUNATELY, DOES NOT BECOME RECORDED HISTORY UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE. HOWEVER AT THIS TIME AND WITH THE HELP OF MY CONTEMPORARIES, IT IS STILL POSSIBLE TO PLACE TOGETHER MUCH OF THE REMOTE PAST RELEVANT TO THE "SOUTH SIDE" APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH LOCATED IN SECTION THIRTY-SIX OF INDIAN GROVE TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

EVEN THOUGH OUR OWN EARLY LIVES MAY HAVE HAD THEIR SHARE OF TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS, LACK OF MONEY AND OTHER MATERIAL DEFICIENCIES, IT CAN IN NO WAY COMPARE WITH THE EXTREME HARDSHIPS THAT OUR ANCESTORS ENDURED TO PROTECT AND NURTURE THE CHURCH. TO BE ABLE TO CARRY ON THE RELIGIOUS LIFE DEMANDED OF THEM BY THEIR CONSCIENCE AS WELL AS THE BYLAWS OF THE CHURCH MUST HAVE PLACED A SEVERE STRAIN UPON THEIR ALREADY DIFFICULT LIVES. WE MUST, THEREFORE, BE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL TO THESE OUR ELDERS WHO, THROUGH THEIR PERSEVERANCE AND SAGACITY, HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP AND "FREEDOM OF WORSHIP" OF TODAY'S CHURCH. SO, TO OUR FOREFATHERS; TO THOSE OLD FRIENDS AND COMPANIONS OF HORSE-AND-BUGGY DAYS -- WHOSE LIGHTED FACES SHINE NOR SMILE NO MORE UPON THIS EARTH -- THESE PAGES ARE DEDICATED.

↑ SPACE

BEGINNING OF THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN THIS AREA

HISTORY OF THE "NORTH SIDE" CHURCH RECALLS THAT THE JOSEPH VIRKLER FAMILY CAME TO LIVINGSTON COUNTY IN 1864 AND SETTLED ON A FARM NORTH OF FORREST. NIKLAUS NUSSBAUM, BEN NUSSBAUM'S GRANDFATHER, AND HIS FAMILY CAME TO THE FAIRBURY AREA FROM METAMORA IN THE FALL OF 1868. THEY MOVED TO THE SOUTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION THIRTEEN IN INDIAN GROVE TOWNSHIP WHICH WAS THREE AND ONE-HALF MILES SOUTHEAST OF FAIRBURY. THE ONLY CHURCH SERVICES OF THEIR FAITH, IN THIS VICINITY, WERE BEING HELD AT "NORTH SIDE" HOMES IN THE REGION OF SECTION TWENTY-ONE IN PLEASANT RIDGE TOWNSHIP.

THE "NORTH SIDE" BEGAN THEIR SERVICES IN 1864 WITH VISITING MINISTERS PRESIDING. THEY WERE HELD IN HOMES FOR FOUR OF FIVE YEARS UNTIL A TWO-ROOM CHURCH WAS BUILT. IT HAD AN ASSEMBLY ROOM AND KITCHEN AND WAS ERECTED ON THE SOUTH CORNER OF SECTION TWENTY-ONE. THIS WAS THEIR FIRST CHURCH BUILDING AND WAS COMPARABLE IN SIZE TO A ONE-ROOM COUNTRY SCHOOLHOUSE.

WHEN BEN'S GRANDFATHER COMMENCED FARMING HERE IN 1868 HE HAD LITTLE EQUIPMENT OR MONEY WITH WHICH HE COULD PURCHASE ANY AND BEN'S FATHER OFTEN TOLD HIM OF THE TIMES THEY HAD BORROWED A NEIGHBOR'S WAGON IN ORDER TO ATTEND THE "NORTH SIDE" SERVICES. IT WAS A DRIVE OF EIGHT MILES AND MANY "SOUTH SIDE" HAD THE SAME PROBLEM, TRAVELING EVEN GREATER DISTANCES TO ATTEND THESE SERVICES.

BEGINNING OF THE "SOUTH SIDE" CHURCH

IN THE LATE 1860'S AND EARLY 1870'S AN INCREASING NUMBER OF FAMILIES MOVED INTO THIS NOW-CALLED "SOUTH SIDE" COMMUNITY. WITH SOME REGULARITY, ONE BEGAN TO HEAR SUCH NAMES AS: BITTNER, FARNEY, GERBER, HARI, HARTMAN, HOSTERWITZ, NUSSBAUM, ROTH, SLAGLE, SOHN, SOMMER, STEFFEN, WENGER, YODER, ZIEGENHORN, ZIMMERMAN, AND OTHERS. SERVICES WERE HELD IN VARIOUS MEMBERS' HOMES AND NEARBY INDIAN CREEK SERVED AS THEIR BAPTISMAL FOUNT UNTIL THE CHURCH BUILDING WAS ERECTED IN 1875. THE BURGEONING MEMBERSHIP OF THESE EARLY YEARS REQUIRED INCREASED SPACE AND A MEETING TO DISCUSS IT RESULTED IN ANDREW ROTH, ULRICH STEFFEN, AND RUDOLPH

LEUTHOLD BEING ELECTED TRUSTEES. RECORDS DATED JUNE 19, 1875 IN THE COURTHOUSE AT PONTIAC VERIFY INCORPORATION OF THE CHURCH WITH THESE MEN AS TRUSTEES.

ANDREW ROTH 1811 - 1886

BORN 1811, ALSACE-LORRAINE.
PARENTS NICOLAS AND VERONICA ZIMMERMAN ROTH.
MARRIED ANNA ZIMMERMAN.
CHILDREN: NICOLAUS, ANNA, BARBARA, PETER, JOHN, KATHERINE, DANIEL, SAMUEL.
DIED FEBRUARY 23, 1886, BURIED "SOUTH SIDE" CHURCH CEMETERY.

ULRICH STEFFEN 1835 - 1913

ULRICH STEFFEN

ULRICH STEFFEN WAS BORN IN SWITZERLAND IN 1835, AND DIED AT HIS OLD HOME NEAR CROPSY WHERE HE SETTLED AND HAS LIVED SINCE 1867. HIS DEATH OCCURRING TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 28, AT 8:30 O'CLOCK. MR. STEFFEN WAS ONE OF A FAMILY OF FOUR CHILDREN. HE CAME TO AMERICA IN 1856. HE SETTLED IN TAZEWELL COUNTY. HE WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO MISS ANNA MAY WENGER IN 1859 IN TAZEWELL COUNTY. IN 1867 THEY MOVED ON THE OLD HOMESTEAD A HALF MILE NORTH AND HALF MILE EAST OF CROPSY. SEVEN CHILDREN WERE BORN TO THEM; TWO DAUGHTERS TOGETHER WITH HIS WIFE PRECEDED HIM TO THE BETTER WORLD.

THREE SONS AND TWO DAUGHTERS ARE LIVING. ALBERT, ANDREW AND CONRAD STEFFEN, MRS. MINNIE HUBER AND MRS. LENA HARI. MR. STEFFEN MADE HIS HOME WITH HIS SON ANDREW ON THE HOME PLACE SINCE HIS WIFE'S DEATH. HE ALSO HAS TWO BROTHERS, CHRIST AND FRED, LIVING IN KANSAS, AND ONE SISTER, FRENA, LIVING IN IOWA. MR. STEFFEN WAS AN EXCELLENT CITIZEN AND HELD THE RESPECT AND ESTEEM OF ALL WHO KNEW HIM. HE WAS AN EARNEST MEMBER OF THE GERMAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH AND FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD AT THE SOUTH CHURCH LAST FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT 2 O'CLOCK.

THE BEREAVED FAMILY HAVE THE SYMPATHY OF ALL.

RUDOLPH LUETHOLD 1813 - 1892

"NORTH SIDE" CHURCH ELDER.

BORN AUGUST, 1813, SWITZERLAND.
DIED MARCH 29, 1892, BURIED "NORTH SIDE" CHURCH CEMETERY.

THERE WERE SO MANY OFFERS THAT CHOOSING A BUILDING SITE WAS DIFFICULT. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DELIBERATIONS A FINAL DECISION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE ACREAGE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE ROAD AT THE EXACT CENTER OF THE MILE ON THE EAST SIDE OF SECTION THIRTY-SIX IN INDIAN GROVE TOWNSHIP. JOSEPH HOSTERWITZ DONATED THE HALF AND PETER SOMMER THE SOUTH HALF WITH THE STIPULATION THAT IF THE GROUND WAS NO LONGER OF USE TO THE CHURCH, IT WOULD REVERT TO THEM. SOMMER ALSO DONATED THE GROUND FOR THE CEMETERY, A SUBJECT THAT WILL BE MENTIONED AGAIN LATER IN THESE PAGES.

"SOUTH SIDE" CHURCH DEED

THE GRANTORS PETER SOMMER AND MARY SOMMER HIS WIFE OF THE COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF NINETY DOLLARS \$ 90.00 IN HAND PAID CONVEY AND WARRANT TO ANDREW ROTH, ULRICH STEFFEN AND RUDOLPH LOUTOLD

TRUSTEES OF THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND THEIR SUCCESSORS IN OFFICE, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE TO WID.

BEGINNING AT THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH EAST QUARTER OF THE SECTION THIRTY SIX, 36, IN TOWNSHIP TWENTY SIX, 26, NORTH RANGE SIX, 6, EAST OF THE THIRD, 3, PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN THE COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, RUNNING THENCE WEST FIFTEEN, 15, RODS THENCE SOUTH THIRTEEN, 13, RODS, THENCE EAST FIFTEEN, 15, RODS THENCE NORTH THIRTEEN, 13, RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

AND ALSO COMMUNING AT THE SOUTH WEST CORNER OF THE SOUTH EAST QUARTER OF THE SAME SECTION TOWNSHIP AND COUNTY AFORESAID RUNNING THENCE EAST NINE, 9, RODS AND ELEVEN FEET THENCE NORTH THIRTY SIX RODS, 36, THENCE WEST FIVE RODS AND SIX INCHES, THENCE SOUTH TWENTY, 20, FEET, THENCE WEST THREE, 3, RODS AND TWELVE, 12, FEET, THENCE SOUTH THIRTY SIX, 36, RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, ALL SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

IN TRUST NEVERTHELESS FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES TO WID. IN TRUST THAT THE SAID FIRST MENTIONED TRACTS OR PARCEL OF LAND SHALL BE OCCUPIED OR USED BY THE RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION KNOWN AS THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH EITHER FOR CHURCH OR SCHOOL PURPOSES OR BOTH AS THE SAID TRUSTEES OR THEIR SUCCESSORS MAY DIRECT OR DEEM EXPEDIENT AND THE SAID LAST MENTIONED TRACTS OR PARCEL OF LAND SHALL BE USED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF A CEMETERY OR BURYING GROUND UNDER THE DIRECTION OF SUCH TRUSTEES AND THEIR SUCCESSORS IN OFFICE.

AND SHOULD THE SAID TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND OR EITHER OF THEIR AT ANYTIME HEREAFTER BECOME UNOCCUPIED OR CEASE TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OR PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE SAME ARE HEREBY CONVEYED, OR SHOULD THE SAID TRUSTEES ATTEMPT TO SELL OR CONVEY THE SAID LANDS OR ANY PART THEREOF OR CONVERT THE SAME TO ANY OTHER PURPOSE OTHER THAN THE USES AND PURPOSES AFORESAID, FOR WHICH THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE, THERE AND IN THAT CASE THE TITLE TO SUCH TRACT OR TRACTS, OF LAND SHALL IMMEDIATELY REVERT TO AND BECOME REINVESTED IN THE SAID GRANTORS THE SAID PETER SOMMER AND MARY SOMMER HIS WIFE AS FULLY AND TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES AS THOUGH THIS CONVEYANCE HAD NOT BEEN MADE.

HEREBY RELEASING AND WAIVING ALL RIGHTS UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION LAWS OF THE STATE.

DATED THIS 10TH DAY OF JUNE AD 1875

SIGNED SEALED & DELIVED IN PRESENCE OF PETER SOMMER AND MARY SOMMER

CONFIDENT THAT ALL THINGS WERE IN ORDER, THAT THE RIGHT COURSE HAD BEEN PLOTTED AND WITH THE ASSURANCE THAT ALL WOULD HELP; CONSTRUCTION BEGAN SHORTLY AFTER INCORPORATION. THE BUILDING WAS COMPLETED AND PUT TO USE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

BEN'S FATHER HAULED THE LOAD OF SAND THAT WAS USED IN BUILDING THE FOUNDATION OF THIS NEW APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH. WHEN HE ARRIVED WITH THE SAND NOTHING HAD BEEN STARTED NOR STAKED OUT AND HE WAS AT A LOSS AS TO WHERE TO UNLOAD SO THAT THE PILE WOULD BE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE MASONS AND YET NOT INTERFERE WITH CONSTRUCTIONS. AFTER A SHORT DELIBERATION, HE CHOSE A SPOT THAT PROVED TO BE QUITE SATISFACTORY. THE STONE, UNDOUBTEDLY, WAS HAULED FROM THE QUARRY NEAR FAIRBURY. THE MORTAR WAS A MIXTURE OF SLAKED LIME AND SAND AS THIS WAS PRIOR TO THE TIME WHEN PORTLAND CEMENT WAS COMMON.

ORIGINAL MINISTERS OF THE "SOUTH SIDE" CHURCH WERE: RUDOLPH LEUTHOLD, PETER SOMMER, NICK WANNER, HENRY ZIEGENHORN, AND CHRISTIAN GERBER. LEUTHOLD LIVED IN THE "NORTH SIDE" AREA AND WAS ELDER OF BOTH CHURCHES.

PETER AND KATIE SCHAFFER FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION OF INTEREST PERTAINING TO PROBLEMS THAT AROSE IN THE EARLY CHURCH. KATIE IS THE DAUGHTER OF CHRISTIAN GERBER AND SHE RELATES THAT THE GERBERS HAD MOVED TO THIS AREA FROM MORTON SHORTLY BEFORE 1875. HER MOTHER, BARBARA, WAS THE DAUGHTER OF ANDREW ROTH AND THE ROTHS ALSO CAME FROM MORTON ABOUT A YEAR EARLIER. THE UNREST AND DISCONTENT THAT DEVELOPED AMONG MEMBERS AFTER THE CHURCH HAS BEEN BUILT WAS APPARENTLY THE RESULT OF FRICTION BETWEEN TWO OF THE MINISTERS, NICK WANNER AND HENRY ZIEGENHORN. NO ONE REMEMBERED THE NATURE OF THE DISPUTE BUT KATIE RECALLS A PARENTAL DISCUSSION IN WHICH HER FATHER LAMENTED THAT, "IF THINGS DIDN'T CLEAR UP, HE INTENDED TO RETURN TO MORTON". FORTUNATELY THE PROBLEM RESOLVED ITSELF SHORTLY THEREAFTER WHEN HENRY ZIEGENHORN MOVED TO THE CISSNA PARK AREA.

DURING THIS TIME, THE FAIRBURY CHURCH WAS UNDER THE ELDERSHIP AND MINISTRY OF JOHN GEORG STEIDINGER WHO CAME TO THIS AREA FROM GERMANY IN 1875. BOTH CHURCHES BEING SMALLER THAN THE "NORTH SIDE", IT WAS DECIDED TO CONFER THE "SOUTH SIDE" ELDERSHIP ON STEIDINGER.

IN CONCLUDING THEIR RECOLLECTIONS, THE SCHAFFERS NOTED THAT SOON AFTER THIS ACTION CHRISTIAN GERBER WAS HEARD TO COMMIT, "THINGS WENT BETTER AT THE CHURCH".

THE "SOUTH SIDE" CHURCH WAS BUILT AND IN SERVICE IN 1875. IT WAS ABANDONED ON DECEMBER 11, 1949 AND DISMANTLED IN THE SPRING OF 1950 AFTER SERVING THE CONGREGATION FOR A PERIOD OF SEVENTY-FOUR YEARS.

THE AUTOMOBILE, WITH ITS' ABILITY TO SHORTEN DISTANCES AND COMPRESS TIME, WAS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEMISE OF BOTH RURAL CHURCHES, AS A SIMILAR FATE BEFELL THE "NORTH SIDE".

AFTER REMOVAL OF THE "SOUTH SIDE" BUILDINGS AND BARNs, THIS TRACT OF LAND WAS RETURNED TO THE HEIRS OF THE DONORS AS PER THE ORIGINAL ARRANGEMENT.

"SOUTH SIDE" MINISTERS

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES
BY THE SEQUENCE IN WHICH THEY SERVED

PETER SOMMER

PETER SOMMER WAS ONE OF THE CHURCH'S VERY FIRST MINISTERS. HE WAS ESPECIALLY ACTIVE WHEN MEETINGS WERE STILL HELD IN MEMBERS' HOMES.

IT WAS SOMMER WHO DATED ONE-HALF OF THE CHURCHYARD PLUS THE GROUND FOR THE CEMETERY. HE NO DOUBT PREACHED IN THE NEW BUILDING AS IT WAS ERECTED AND IN USE SOON AFTER THIS GRACIOUS ACT.

NICK WANNER

NICK WAS ANOTHER OF THE ORIGINAL "SOUTH SIDE" MINISTERS. SOME RECALL THAT AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF HIS MINISTRY, HE MOVED TO MORTON.

HENRY SCHWING

HENRY SCHWING WAS BORN IN SWITZERLAND IN 1813. HE CAME TO THE UNITED STATES AND AS A YOUNG MAN LIVED FIRST IN OHIO AND LATER MOVED TO ILLINOIS.

LIKE THE OTHER EARLY MINISTERS, LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT HIM. HE LIVED IN THE AREA SOUTH OF CHATSWORTH AND OBVIOUSLY TRAVELED A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO ATTEND CHURCH AND SERVE AS A MINISTER. HE DIED IN 1880 AND IS BURIED IN THE "SOUTH SIDE" CEMETERY.

HENRY ZIEGENHORN

HENRY WAS BORN ON OCTOBER 19, 1823 IN BURG, PRUSSIA, A PART OF GERMANY. HE CAME TO THIS COUNTRY IN 1865, LOCATING IN PEORIA FOR ABOUT TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS. HE MOVED FROM THERE TO A FARM IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY, SETTLING ON THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY-FOUR INDIAN GROVE TOWNSHIP. THIS FARM IS ABOUT FIVE MILES SOUTH OF FAIRBURY.

HE LIVED THERE SIX OR MORE YEARS BEFORE MOVING TO A FARM IN THE CLAYTONVILLE - CISSNA PARK AREA. HERE HE MINISTERED IN THE LOCAL CHURCHES UNTIL HIS DEATH ON DECEMBER 11, 1906.

CHRISTIAN GERBER

CHRISTIAN GERBER WAS BORN IN WAYNE COUNTY, OHIO ON DECEMBER 12, 1847. HE MOVED TO THIS AREA FROM MORTON, ILLINOIS IN 1874 OR 1875. HE HAD MINISTERED AT THE MORTON CHURCH AND CONTINUED THAT MINISTRY HERE.

AT THIS TIME JOHN GEORG STEIDINGER WAS THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE FAIRBURY CHURCH AND HAD THE ELDERSHIP OF THE "SOUTH SIDE" CHURCH ALSO. SOON AFTER, HOWEVER, GERBER WAS MADE THE ELDER HERE AND REMAINED SO UNTIL AFTER HIS DEATH THIRTY-FIVE YEARS LATER. HE PASSED AWAY ON JULY 14, 1910 AND HIS FUNERAL WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST EVER HELD ON THE "SOUTH SIDE" THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAN A SPECIAL TRAIN FOR THIS MOST SORROWFUL OCCASION.

IT IS A TRIBUTE TO THE GERBER FAMILY THAT IN A SELFLESS ACT, THEY TOOK ONE, JOSEPH BELLA, INTO THEIR HOME AND CARED FOR HIM IN HIS LATTER YEARS. BELLA WAS QUITE FEEBLE DUE TO A STROKE AND COULD NOT WALK WITHOUT AID. PREVIOUS YEARS HE HAD BEEN ELDER IN THE BLUFFTON, INDIANA CHURCH AND A NOTATION OF THIS IS MADE SEVERAL TIMES IN JOHN H. BAUMGARTNER'S BOOK, "THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS". NO ONE RECALLS THAT BELLA SERVED AS A MINISTER HERE, HOWEVER HE WAS BURIED IN THE "SOUTH SIDE" CEMETERY AND HIS GRAVESTONE READS: "ELDER JOSEPH BELLA, 1812 - 1902".

HERBERT BINGHAM

HERBERT BINGHAM WAS ALSO ONE OF THE "SOUTH SIDE'S" EARLIEST MINISTERS. DURING HIS EARLY MINISTRY, HE WORKED AS A LABORER FOR SEVERAL OF THE LOCAL FARMERS. LATER, AFTER MARRYING, HE MOVED TO FAIRBURY AND CONTINUED HIS MINISTRY IN THAT CHURCH.

IN 1880, HERBERT WAS LIVING AND WORKING AT THE SAMUEL NUSSBAUM HOUSEHOLD. SAMUEL NUSSBAUM WAS BEN NUSSBAUM'S FATHER.

1880 INDIAN GROVE TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SAM NUSSBAUM, HEAD, (AGE) 30, (BORN) BADEN, (JOB) FARMER

CHRISTINE NUSSBAUM, WIFE, (AGE) 25, (BORN) SWITZERLAND
BENJAMIN NUSSBAUM, SON, (AGE) 2, (BORN) ILLINOIS
JOSEPH NUSSBAUM, SON, (AGE) 1, (BORN) ILLINOIS
CHRISTINA STORTZ, MOTHER-IN-LAW, (AGE) 50, (BORN) BADEN
KATIE STORTZ, SISTER-IN-LAW, (AGE) 30, (BORN) BADEN
HERBERT BINGHAM, SERVANT, (AGE) 21, (BORN) NEW YORK, (JOB) FARM LABOR

FRIEDERICH HARI

FRIEDERICH HARI WAS BORN IN SWITZERLAND IN 1830. HE LIVED ON A FARM TWO MILES NORTHEAST OF THE "SOUTH SIDE" CHURCH WHERE HE SERVED AS A MINISTER FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. HE DIED IN 1909 AND IS BURIED IN THE CHURCH CEMETERY.

SAM SLAGLE

SAM SLAGLE WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 30, 1849. HE LIVED ON A FARM ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES NORTH OF THE CHURCH. SAM MINISTERED ON THE "SOUTH SIDE" UNTIL MOVING TO FAIRBURY IN 1904 WHERE HE CONTINUED MINISTERING UNTIL FEBRUARY 7, 1932. HE DIED NOVEMBER 29, 1937.

JOHN GERBER

JOHN GERBER WAS BORN IN WAYNE COUNTY, OHIO IN 1849. IN THE SPRING OF 1889 HE MOVED TO THIS AREA FROM WEST BEND, IOWA. HE HAD BEEN A MINISTER THERE AND CONTINUED THAT AVOCATION AT THE "SOUTH SIDE" CHURCH.

WHILE LIVING ON A FARM NEAR BREMEN, INDIANA, JOHN DONATED THE LAND AND HELPED TO BUILD THE FIRST APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN THAT AREA. THIS CONGREGATION FLOURISHED AND INCREASED AT SUCH A PACE THAT THIS COUNTRY CHURCH WAS SOON ABANDONED AND A MUCH LARGER ONE WAS BUILT IN TOWN. JOHN GERBER DIED IN 1912.

THE GERBER FAMILY PERFORMED AN ACT OF GREAT COMPASSION BY AFFORDING SHELTER AND SUSTENANCE TO AN ELDERLY, HOMELESS MAN NAMED GEORGE HAMM. WHEN THE GERBERS MOVED TO BREMEN IN THE SPRING OF 1911, HAMM SPENT HIS FINAL YEARS WITH A FAMILY SOME DISTANCE AWAY.

JOHN KAISNER SR.

IN 1893 MR. KAISNER CAME TO FAIRBURY FROM AUSTRIA-HUNGARY. HE WAS BORN THERE IN 1857 AND AS A YOUTH WAS BAPTIZED IN THE DANUBE RIVER. HIS MINISTRY COMMENCED THERE AND CONTINUED IN FAIRBURY WHERE HE RESIDED FOR TWO YEARS. WHEN HE STARTED FARMING SOUTH OF TOWN HE ALSO TRANSFERRED HIS MINISTRY TO THE "SOUTH SIDE".

HE CEASED FARMING IN THE SPRING OF 1926, RETIRING TO FAIRBURY WHERE HE RELINQUISHED ALL MINISTERIAL DUTIES. JOHN KAISNER SR. PASSED ON IN 1930.

ROBERT BAHLER

ROBERT BAHLER WAS BORN IN GERMANY IN 1863. HE LIVED ON A FARM ONE-HALF MILE NORTH AND ONE-HALF MILE WEST OF THE "SOUTH SIDE" CHURCH WHERE HE MINISTERED FOR A FEW YEARS. HE THEN MOVED TO INDIANA, CONTINUING IN THE MINISTRY UNTIL FEBRUARY 7, 1932. HE DIED IN 1936.

ONE WINTER HE TAUGHT GERMAN TO A GROUP OF "SOUTH SIDE" YOUTHS. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING SERVED AS A CLASSROOM.

CONRAD STEFFEN

CONRAD STEFFEN WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 24, 1869 NEAR CROPESEY, ILLINOIS. HE WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL AS A FARMER IN THE AREA SOUTHWEST OF THE "SOUTH SIDE" CHURCH. HIS MINISTRY WAS A CONTINUING AVOCATION FROM HIS ORDINATION IN 1908 UNTIL HIS DEATH ON JANUARY 17, 1922.

JACOB BAER

JACOB BAER BEGAN HIS MINISTRY IN GERMANY WHERE HE WAS BORN ON OCTOBER 26, 1857. HE MINISTERED IN SEVERAL CHURCHES THERE IN HIS EARLY THIRTIES BEFORE 1912 WHEN HE CAME TO AMERICA AND SETTLED IN THE MORTON AREA.

HE SERVED THE MORTON CHURCH UNTIL 1915 WHEN HE MOVED TO A FARM SOUTHWEST OF THE "SOUTH SIDE" WHERE HE CONTINUED MINISTERING. UPON RETIRING FROM THE FARM AND MOVING TO FAIRBURY, HE TRANSFERRED HIS MINISTRY THERE ALSO UNTIL FEBRUARY 7, 1932. JACOB BAER DIED ON MAY 19, 1933.

PETER SCHAFFER

PETER SCHAFFER WAS BORN ON OCTOBER 4, 1882 IN ALSACE-LORRAINE. HE LIVED ON A FARM VERY NEAR THE "SOUTH SIDE" CHURCH AND WAS ONE OF IT'S MINISTERS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. HE WAS ORDAINED IN 1923 AND SERVED THE CHURCH HERE UNTIL FEBRUARY 7, 1932. THE DATE OF HIS DEATH WAS APRIL 28, 1968.

GEORGE IFFT

MR. IFFT WAS BORN IN WALLROTH-HESSEN, GERMANY ON JULY 4, 1863 AND CAME TO THE UNITED STATES WHEN HE WAS EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD. IN 1888 HE MOVED FROM THE ROANOKE AREA TO A FARM THREE MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE "SOUTH SIDE" CHURCH.

HE WAS ORDAINED A MINISTER HERE IN 1924 AND SERVED THE CHURCH IN THAT CAPACITY UNTIL THE SPRING OF 1930 WHEN HE RETIRED FROM THE FARM AND MOVED TO FAIRBURY WHERE HE CONTINUED MINISTERING UNTIL FEBRUARY 7, 1932. GEORGE IFFT SR. DIED ON JANUARY 12, 1945.

ANDREW KOEHL

ANDREW KOEHL WAS BORN NEAR FAIRBURY ON AUGUST 11, 1888, HE LIVED ON A FARM ABOUT FOUR MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE CHURCH AND WAS ORDAINED A MINISTER IN MARCH OF 1932, FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF HIS FATHER AND BROTHERS. HERE HE SERVED UNTIL THE ABANDONMENT IN 1949. LATER, AFTER MOVING TO FAIRBURY, HE TRANSFERRED HIS MINISTRY TO THE FORREST CHURCH. THERE HE CONTINUED TO PRESIDE AT THE PULPIT IN A MOST PERSUASIVE WAY BEING ESPECIALLY INFLUENTIAL WITH THE YOUNGER FOLK. HE WAS SUMMONED BY HIS CREATOR ON JUNE 26TH, 1969.

WALTER STEFFEN

WALTER STEFFEN WAS BORN ON A FARM NEAR CROPESEY ON FEBRUARY 1, 1896. HE LIVED ONE-HALF MILE SOUTH AND ONE-HALF MILE EAST OF THE CHURCH. HE WAS FAITHFULLY CONCERNED WITH THE NEEDS, WELFARE, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF THE EDIFICE.

WALTER WAS ORDAINED IN MARCH, 1932, THEREBY BECOMING A THIRD GENERATION MINISTER, FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF HIS FATHER AND GRANDFATHER. AFTER ISSUING

THOUGHTFUL AND EFFECTIVE SERMONS FROM THE PULPIT FOR FIFTEEN YEARS, HE RESIGNED IN 1947. HE HAD ALSO BEEN THE CHURCH TREASURER FOR SOME TIME.

EMIL BAHLER

EMIL BAHLER WAS BORN NEAR FAIRBURY ON DECEMBER 24, 1891. HE LIVED ON A FARM A FEW MILES SOUTHWEST OF THE CHURCH. ORDAINED A MINISTER IN 1939, HE SERVED THE CHURCH HERE UNTIL ITS CESSATION IN 1949. AFTER THIS, HE TRANSFERRED TO THE FAIRBURY CHURCH AND CONTINUED TO MINISTER, SERVING THE CONGREGATION WITH HIS FORCEFUL, MEANINGFUL, AND DEVOTED SERMONS AS ONLY EMIL COULD.

FINALLY, HE BUILT A COMFORTABLE HOME IN FAIRBURY, INTENDING TO RETIRE, HIS MAKER DEEMED OTHERWISE AND CALLED HIM TO HIS REWARD ON NOVEMBER 28, 1959.

COLLECTED MINISTER OBITUARIES
BY ALPHABETICAL ORDER

JACOB BAER 1857 - 1933

JACOB BAER

JACOB BAER, A WELL KNOWN RESIDENT OF THIS CITY FOR MANY YEARS, LIVING AT 606 E. ELM STREET, PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING ABOUT 5 O'CLOCK.

JACOB BAER

THE FUNERAL SERVICES OF JACOB BAER WHO PASSED AWAY LAST FRIDAY MORNING AT HIS HOME, 606 EAST ELM STREET, WERE HELD AT THE HOME SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND INTERMENT WAS MADE AT GRACELAND. MR. BAER HAD BEEN ILL AND CONFINED TO HIS BED FOR THE PAST ELEVEN WEEKS.

JACOB BAER WAS BORN IN ZUZENHAUZEN GERMANY, OCTOBER 26 1857. HE WAS MARRIED TO MAGDALENE HUNSINGER IN 1884, AND CAME TO THE UNITED STATES IN SEPTEMBER 1912, LOCATING FIRST AT MORTON. A YEAR LATER THE FAMILY MOVED TO A FARM NORTH OF CROPSY, WHERE THEY LIVED UNTIL REMOVING TO THE PRESENT HOME IN FAIRBURY NINE YEARS AGO.

THERE ARE SURVIVING NINE CHILDREN: EMIL, PEORIA; CHRIS AND FRED, MORTON; MRS. JOHN KAEB, RANKIN; JACOB AND MRS. CARL WIDMER, CROPSY; MRS. CARL ABERLE, STRAWN; ANNA AND MARIE, AT HOME.

EMIL BAHLER 1891 - 1959

EMIL BAHLER, 67, BURIED TUESDAY

SERVICES WERE HELD AT THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TUESDAY AT 10 A. M. FOR THE REV. EMIL BAHLER, 67, WHO DIED AT HIS HOME AT 9:20 P. M. SATURDAY. HE HAD BEEN ILL FOR THREE YEARS.

SERVICES WERE HELD AT THE BAHLER HOME SOUTH OF FAIRBURY AT 9:30 A. M. TUESDAY. BURIAL WAS IN THE SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CEMETERY.

HE WAS BORN DEC. 24, 1891, AT FAIRBURY, A SON OF JACOB AND NINA KELLER BAHLER. HE MARRIED IDA STEFFEN AT FAIRBURY, FEB. 8, 1920.

THEY MOVED TO A FARM IN BELLE PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP, WHERE THEY MADE THEIR HOME FOR 39 YEARS.

SURVIVING ARE HIS WIFE, THREE SONS, MARVIN AND RALPH, FAIRBURY; ARTHUR, FORT LEONARD WOOD, MO.; TWO DAUGHTERS, MRS. HELEN FRYE, CROPSY; MRS. VERLA DAVIS, STRAWN; EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN; THREE BROTHERS, HERMAN, FAIRBURY; ERWIN, REMINGTON, IND.; JACOB, WOLCOTT, IND.; SEVEN SISTERS, MRS. MARIE SCHIELER, REMINGTON, IND.; MRS. WALTER STEFFEN, FAIRBURY; MRS. OBID GERBER, MISS TILLIE BAHLER, DECATUR, IND.; MRS. BEN STEFFEN, CROPSY; MRS. PHILIP GETZ, WOLCOTT, IND.; AND MRS. HENRY KILGUS, FORREST.

A BROTHER AND A SISTER PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH.

HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, AND ONE OF THE MINISTERS.

ROBERT BAHLER 1863 - 1936

ROBERT BAHLER, SR. DIES

THE TOWN HAS LOST ANOTHER OLD AND DESIRABLE CITIZEN, IN DEATH OF MR. ROBERT BAHLER, SR. WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE HOME HOSPITAL IN LAFAYETTE, FRIDAY AT 1:45 A. M. WHERE HE HAD BEEN A PATIENT FOR A WEEK.

MR. BAHLER'S HEALTH HAD BEEN FAILING FOR OVER A YEAR, AND FOR SOMETIME PRECEEDING HIS DEATH HA HAD BEEN IN A SERIOUS CONDITION. HE WAS ONE OF REMINGTON'S MOST RESPECTED AND HONORED CITIZENS AND WAS AN ENTERPRISING BUSINESS MAN, BEING CONNECTED WITH THE FIRM OF BAHLER'S FEED STORE SINCE ITS INCEPTION. HE RETIRED FROM THE FARM SOME YEARS AGO, AND SINCE THAT TIME HAD BEEN ONE OF OUR BUSINESS MEN.

A NATIVE OF BERNE, SWITZERLAND, HE WAS BORN MAY 30, 1863, AND CAME TO AMERICA ABOUT 50 YEARS AGO. HE HAD LIVED IN REMINGTON AND VICINITY 30 YEARS. HIS WIFE, WHO WAS MATILDA WAIBEL, DIED FOUR YEARS AGO. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH HERE. HE LEAVES SIX CHILDREN, WILLIAM, OF DEMOTTE; MRS. ANDREW NUSSBAUM, ROBERT J., AND HARRY F., OF REMINGTON; CHRIS R., OF GALVESTON AND MRS. HOWARD SCHAIBLEY, OF FRANKFORT; THREE BROTHERS, GODFORD AND ADOLPH BAHLER, OF ROCKVILLE, CONN., AND JACOB BAHLER, SR., OF REMINGTON, AND 16 GRANDCHILDREN.

THE FUNERAL WAS HELD ON MONDAY, SHORT SERVICES BEING CONDUCTED AT THE LATE RESIDENCE IN THE NORTH PART OF REMINGTON FOLLOWED BY REGULAR SERVICES AT THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, SOUTH OF TOWN, WHERE BURIAL WAS MADE.

HERBERT BINGHAM 1859 - ????

BORN 1859, GENSSA COUNTY, NEW YORK.
PARENTS MARTIN AND S. K. DEXTON BINGHAM.
MARRIED ELIZABETH BAERLOCHER, JANUARY 3, 1883, FAIRBURY.
CHILDREN: BENJAMIN, EDWARD, HERBERT.
DIED AND BURIED UNKNOWN.

BELIEVED TO BE BURIED IN GRACELAND CEMETERY, FAIRBURY.

ELDER CHRISTIAN GERBER 1947 - 1916

REV. CHRISTIAN GERBER DEAD.

PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY THURSDAY AFTERNOON AT HIS HOME.

REV. CHRISTIAN GERBER, ONE OF THE BEST KNOWN OF THE GERMAN RESIDENTS OF THIS LOCALITY AND A PREACHER OF THE GERMAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH, DIED SUDDENLY AT HIS HOME SOUTH OF FAIRBURY THURSDAY AFTERNOON ABOUT THREE O'CLOCK WHILE AT WORK IN THE HAY FIELD. HE WAS STRICKEN WITH APPOLEXY, AND ALTHO MEDICAL AID WAS AT ONCE SUMMONED HE HAD PASSED AWAY BEFORE THE PHYSICIAN ARRIVED.

REV. GERBER HAS LIVED ON HIS FARM SOUTH OF FAIRBURY FOR MANY YEARS. HE WAS A MAN WHO STOOD HIGH IN THE ESTIMATION OF ALL WHO KNEW HIM AND ONE OF THE CHIEF CONSELERS OF THE GERMAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH. HIS DEATH IS A GREAT SHOCK TO HIS MANY FRIENDS AS HE WAS APPARENTLY IN THE BEST OF HEALTH.

THE FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, JULY 17, AT 12 O'CLOCK, AT THE SOUTH GERMAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH.

DEATH OF REV. CHRISTIAN GERBER.

THE FURTHER DETAILS OF THE DEATH OF REV. CHRISTIAN GERBER ADD BUT LITTLE TO THAT PUBLISHED IN THE BLADE LAST WEEK. REV. GERBER WAS WORKING IN HIS HAY FIELD AND WAS WALKING AND DRIVING THE HEAD TEAM HITCHED TO A HAY LOADER. JOHN HOERR, WHO WAS WORKING WITH THE LOADER WAS FIRST TO NOTICE REV. GERBER'S ABSENCE. THE TEAM WENT BY AND MR. HOERR NOTICED THE LINES WERE DRAGGING. HE LOOKED BACK AND SAW THAT MR. GERBER HAD FALLEN IN THE TRACKS OF THE LOADER. HE HAD EVIDENTIALLY BEEN STRICKEN AND STOOD UP FOR A MOMENT OR TWO BEFORE FALLING. WHEN MR. HOERR AND THE OTHERS REACHED HIS SIDE HE WAS STILL ALIVE AND BREATHING HEAVILY. DEATH OCCURRED IN ABOUT FIVE MINUTES.

OBITUARY

CHRISTIAN GERBER WAS BORN IN WAYNE COUNTY, OHIO, DEC. 12 1848. WHEN A BOY OF 11 YEARS HIS PARENTS MOVED TO IOWA AND THE FAMILY RESIDED THERE FOR FIVE YEARS AND THEN THEY MOVED TO TAZEWELL COUNTY NEAR MORTON ILL. ON JANUARY 20 1870, HE WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO MISS. BARBARA ROTH AND TO THIS UNION SEVEN CHILDREN WERE BORN, THREE DYING WHILE YOUNG DURING AN EPIDEMIC OF SCARLET FEVER. THE CHILDREN LIVING ARE ANNA, LYDIA, KATIE AND CHRISTIAN, ALL AT HOME.

MR. GERBER WITH HIS FAMILY CAME TO LIVINGSTON COUNTY TO LIVE IN 1875, SETTLING ON THE PRESENT HOME FARM, WHERE HE HAS LIVED CONTINUOUSLY SINCE THAT TIME, LOVED AND RESPECTED BY ALL HIS NEIGHBORS AND ALL WHO KNEW HIM.

THERE ARE FEW MEN WHO RISE TO THAT PLACE IN THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE WHO KNOW THEM, THAT MR. GERBER HAD RISEN, AND FEW MEN WHO KNOW TESTED BY THE TRIALS OF LIFE PROVE SO WORTHY. FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS REV. GERBER HAD BEEN AN ELDER OF THE GERMAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH AND HE NOT ONLY STOOD HIGH IN THE COUNCILS OF HIS CHURCH, BUT WAS LOVED AND REVERED FOR HIS RUGGED HONESTY, HIS HIGH MORAL CHARACTER AND THE EARNEST CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES HE SET FORTH IN HIS SERMONS AND IN HIS LIFE. HE TAUGHT HIS PEOPLE TO SHUN THE VANITIES OF THE WORLD AND AS HE TAUGHT SO HE LIVED. HE TRAVELED FROM COAST TO COAST AND CROSSED THE OCEAN TWICE ON MISSIONARY WORK. HE WAS A MAN OF PLEASANT DISPOSITION, AND ONE WHOM IT WAS A PLEASURE TO MEET AT ANY TIME. HE WAS WIDELY KNOWN AMONG HIS CHURCH PEOPLE, MANY OF WHOM HAD BEEN MARRIED BY HIM, AND HE HAD PREACHED AT FUNERALS IN MANY FAMILIES. HE WAS ONE OF THE LEADING MEN IN THE GERMAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH AND FOR

YEARS HELD THIS POSITION OF GREAT HONOR. HIS LIFE WAS ONE THAT MIGHT BE EMULATED BY ALL.

THE FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD SUNDAY AT NOON AT THE SOUTH CHURCH AND WERE PERHAPS THE MOST LARGELY ATTENDED OF ANY EVER HELD IN THIS SECTION OF THE STATE. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THERE WERE FULLY 2500 PEOPLE WHO ASSEMBLED TO PAY THEIR LAST RESPECTS TO THE MEMORY OF THE DECEASED. AMONG THE TOWNS AND CITIES REPRESENTED BY VISITING DELEGATES WERE THE FOLLOWING:

MORTON, EUREKA, PRINCEVILLE, ROANOKE, PEORIA, ELGIN, MACKINAW, EUREKA, GRIDLEY, MEADOWS, FORREST, CISSNA PARK, WOLCOTT AND REMINGTON IND., AND OTHER POINTS. A SPECIAL TRAIN WAS RUN FROM BLOOMINGTON TO CROPSY AND A SPECIAL TRAIN CARRIED THE PEOPLE WEST FROM FAIRBURY IN THE EVENING. REV. ENGWEILER, OF MANSFIELD OHIO, PREACHED THE FUNERAL SERMON, TAKING FOR HIS TEXT THE WORDS, "IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE THERE ARE MANY MANSIONS, IF IT WERE NOT SO I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU." HE PREACHED AN ELOQUENT SERMON, DEALING WITH THE LIFE AND CHARACTER OF THE DECEASED. THE EXPRESSIONS OF SORROW OVER THE DEATH OF THE DECEASED WAS UNIVERSAL AMONG THOSE ASSEMBLED. THERE WERE SAID - TO HAVE BEEN ALMOST 500 CARRIAGES TO CONVEY THE PEOPLE TO THE CEMETERY WHERE THE REMAINS WERE LAID TO REST.

THE BEREAVED WIFE, CHILDREN AND RELATIVES HAVE THE SYMPATHY OF ALL IN THEIR SAD LOSS.

JOHN GERBER 1849 - 1912

REV. JOHN GERBER DEAD

NEWS WAS RECEIVED IN THIS CITY ON SATURDAY OF THE DEATH OF REV. JOHN GERBER AT BREMEN, IND., HIS HOME. THE NEWS CAUSED A SHOCK OF SURPRISE AND SORROW AMONG THE MANY OLD FRIENDS OF REV. GERBER IN THIS CITY WHO SUPPOSED HE WAS IN THE BEST OF HEALTH. REV. GERBER WAS IN GOOD HEALTH UNTIL A FEW HOURS BEFORE HIS DEATH, WHICH WAS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY RHEUMATISM OF THE HEART. JOSEPH UNSICKER, NORTH-EAST OF TOWN, HAD BEEN VISITING REV. GERBER AND OTHER FRIENDS IN THAT LOCALITY AND WAS PRESENT DURING HIS LAST MOMENTS. HE SAID THAT MR. GERBER COMPLAINED OF A PAIN IN HIS LEFT SHOULDER AND BREAST FOR TWO DAYS PREVIOUS, BUT IT WAS LIGHT AND HE DID NOT THINK IT AMOUNTED TO MUCH. A FEW HOURS BEFORE HIS DEATH HE WAS TAKEN VERY SEVERELY AND SANK RAPIDLY UNTIL THE END.

REV. JOHN GERBER WAS WIDELY KNOWN NOT ONLY IN THIS IMMEDIATE LOCALITY BUT IN THIS SECTION OF THE STATE. HE LIVED SOUTHEAST OF FAIRBURY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND WAS HIGHLY ESTEEMED BY HIS NEIGHBORS AND THE CITIZENS OF FAIRBURY. HE WAS A MINISTER OF THE GERMAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH AND TWO YEARS AGO HE PURCHASED A FARM AND MOVED TO BREMEN, IND., WHERE HE FARMED HIS LAND AND ON SUNDAYS PREACHED FOR HIS PEOPLE.

SUDDEN SUMMONS

REV. JOHN GERBER, WHO MOVED HERE A YEAR OR SO AGO FROM FAIRBURY, ILL., DIED SUDDENLY SATURDAY FORENOON AT HIS HOME SOME FIVE MILES NORTHEAST OF BREMEN OF NEURALGIA OF THE HEART. HE HAD SUFFERED NO SERIOUS ILLNESS AND ONLY THE NIGHT BEFORE WAS AT THE HOME OF HIS DAUGHTER NEAR BY UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK. SATURDAY MORNING HE WAS TAKEN WITH SEVERE PAINS IN THE REGION OF THE HEART AND THEY RESULTED FATALLY IN A FEW HOURS.

MR. GERBER WAS 63 YEARS OLD ON MARCH 6. HE WAS BORN IN OHIO, HIS FATHER DYING WHEN HE WAS FOUR YEARS OLD. HE LIVED FOR A TIME IN IOWA, GOING FROM THERE TO FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS, WHERE HE LIVED FOR 22 YEARS. HE MOVED TO BREMEN, IND., MARCH 1911. HE WAS A MAN OF KINDLY, GENIAL DISPOSITION, HAD BEEN A MINISTER OF THE GERMAN APOSTOLIC FAITH FOR MANY YEARS AND ENJOYED THE RESPECT AND ESTEEM OF ALL WHO KNEW HIM.

HE WAS THE FATHER OF ELEVEN CHILDREN, MRS. EDWARD GETZ, WILLIAM, MRS. EDWARD HIRSTEIN, MRS. WILLIAM LEMAN, MISS. LEAH, SAM, LOUIS, JEPHTHA, OF BREMEN; JOHN, OF NEW BOSTON, ILL.; MRS. JOSEPH NUSSBAUM AND JOSEPH, OF FAIRBURY, ILL. THERE WERE ALSO 32 GRANDCHILDREN, AND THESE WITH THE BEREAVED WIFE AND NUMEROUS FRIENDS MOURN HIS DEATH.

FUNERAL SERVICES WERE CONDUCTED TUESDAY AFTERNOON IN GRACE U. B. CHURCH, WHICH WAS SECURED FOR THE OCCASION, FOLLOWED BY INTERMENT IN THE BREMEN CEMETERY.

IT WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST FUNERALS EVER HELD IN BREMEN. MORE THAN 700 PEOPLE CROWDED ONTO GRACE U. B. CHURCH, WHILE MANY WERE UNABLE TO GAIN ADMISSION. REV. MICHAEL MANGOLD, OF ROANOKE, ILL., PREACHED THE SERMON AND HALF A DOZEN OTHER MINISTERS WERE PRESENT. MORE THAN 400 FRIENDS WERE HERE FROM DISTANCE, COMING FROM PEORIA, FAIRBURY, EUREKA, ROANOKE, GRIDLEY, FORREST AND CISSNA PARK, ILL.; CROGHAN, N. Y.; WOLCOTT, REMINGTON AND MILFORD, INDIANA, AND OTHER POINTS. A HIGHER TRIBUTE TO THE WORTH OF A GOOD MAN COULD SCARCELY HAVE BEEN PAID. REV. GERBER WAS ESTEEMED ONE OF THE ABLEST PREACHERS OF HIS FAITH AND WAS AN OBJECT OF REGARD AMOUNTING TO VENERATION.

FRIEDRICH HARI 1830 - 1909

DEATH OF FRED HARI

THE DEATH OF MR. FRED HARI OCCURRED AT THE HOME OF HIS SON-IN-LAW, CONRAD STEFFEN, SOUTH OF FAIRBURY, ON MONDAY, DEC 13. THE DECEASED HAD BEEN ILL FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND HIS DEATH WAS NOT UNEXPECTED.

FRED HARI WAS BORN IN GERMANY, AUG. 12 1830, BEING AGED 79 YEARS, 4 MONTHS AND 1 DAY AT TIME OF HIS DEATH. HE WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO MISS. LIZZIE TROCHSEL IN GERMANY IN APRIL 1856, AND EIGHT CHILDREN BORN TO THEM AS FOLLOWS: FRED, LIZZIE, MARY, MAGGIE, JOHN, KATIE, ROSA AND GOTTLIEB, ALL OF WHOM SURVIVE AND MOURN THE DEATH OF A KIND AND INDULGENT FATHER. MR. HARI WAS A MAN WHO HELD THE RESPECT AND ESTEEM OF ALL WHO KNEW HIM. HE WITH HIS FAMILY CAME TO AMERICA IN 1882, AND FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS HE HAS RESIDED ON THE FARM SOUTH OF FAIRBURY. HIS WIFE PASSED AWAY SOME TIME AGO AND SINCE THEN HE HAS MADE HIS HOME WITH HIS CHILDREN. THE FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD AT THE GERMAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH SOUTH OF TOWN THURSDAY AND WERE LARGELY ATTENDED.

EDWARD HONEGGER 1861 - 1925

EDWARD HONEGGER

EDWARD HONEGGER, WHO FOR MANY YEARS RESIDED IN THIS VICINITY, DIED AT HIS HOME EIGHT MILES SOUTHEAST OF THIS CITY, SUNDAY MORNING AT 11 O'CLOCK HIS DEATH BEING DUE TO A COMPLICATION OF DISEASES WITH WHICH HE HAD BEEN AFFLICTED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. HE WAS AGED 63 YEARS, 3 MONTHS AND 25 DAYS.

EDWARD HONEGGER WAS BORN IN SWITZERLAND, DECEMBER 31 1861, AND WHEN FIVE YEARS OF AGE CAME WITH HIS PARENTS TO THIS COUNTRY. HE GREW TO YOUNG MANHOOD IN PLEASANT RIDGE TOWNSHIP, AND ON FEBRUARY 11 1887, WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO BERTHA

HAAB, AND THEY IMMEDIATELY WENT TO HOUSEKEEPING SOUTHEAST OF THIS CITY, WHERE THEY HAVE SINCE RESIDED. SURVIVING MR. HONEGGER ARE HIS WIFE AND TWELVE CHILDREN.

THE FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD FROM THE SOUTH CHRISTIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH WEDNESDAY.

GEORGE IFFT SR. 1863 - 1945

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR GEO. IFFT HELD SUNDAY

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR GEORGE IFFT WERE HELD SUNDAY AFTERNOON FROM THE CHRISTIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH AND INTERMENT WAS IN THE CHURCH CEMETERY. MR. IFFT PASSED AWAY LAST FRIDAY MORNING AT SEVEN O'CLOCK AT THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. ELI STEIDINGER FOLLOWING A SEVERAL WEEKS ILLNESS. HE WAS AGED 81 YEARS; SIX MONTHS AND EIGHT DAYS.

MR. IFFT WAS BORN IN WALROTH, HESSEN GERMANY, JULY 4 1863. WHEN 18 YEARS OF AGE HE CAME TO AMERICA, AND ON APRIL 21 1884, HE WAS UNITED ON MARRIAGE TO SUSANNAH MILLER, OF CONGERVILLE. TO THEM WERE BORN MRS. MINNIE STEIDINGER, MARGARET, WILLIAM, OF STRAWN; JOHN, OF PEORIA; SAM, OF CROPSY; MRS. SUSIE SCHLICK, OF ELGIN. MRS. IFFT PASSED AWAY DECEMBER 24 1893, AND IN APRIL 1895, HE WAS MARRIED TO SALOME SCHLIPP, OF PEORIA. SHE PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH IN SEPTEMBER 1897. ON NOVEMBER 25 1898, HE WAS MARRIED TO MARGARET HARI, OF FORREST. SHE SURVIVES TOGETHER WITH THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN BORN TO THIS UNION: MRS. SALOME FEHR, OF ROANOKE; MRS. BERTHA STEIDINGER, OF FORREST; FRED AND GEORGE, OF FAIRBURY; PAUL, OF FORREST; MRS. EDNA MUELLER, OF STRAWN. THERE ARE 48 GRANDCHILDREN.

MR. IFFT WAS A FARMER, WHICH OCCUPATION HE FOLLOWED FOR MANY YEARS, SOUTHEAST OF THIS CITY. HE RETIRED ABOUT 15 YEARS AGO. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CHRISTIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH.

JOHN KAISER SR. 1857 - 1930

JOHN KAISNER SR.

JOHN KAISNER SR., WELL KNOWN RETIRED FARMER, DIED AT HIS HOME, 206 E. ELM STREET, SUNDAY MORNING AT 8:15 O'CLOCK. MR. KAISNER HAD BEEN ILL FOR THE PAST FOUR MONTHS WITH A COMPLICATION OF DISEASES. HE HAD BEEN A RESIDENT OF THIS LOCALITY FOR THE PAST 37 YEARS.

MR. KAISNER WAS BORN IN AUSTRIA-HUNGARY, SEPTEMBER 15 1857, AND GREW TO MANHOOD IN HIS NATIVE COUNTRY. HE WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE THERE MAY 4 1879, TO MISS KATHERINE SNYDER, AND WITH THEIR FAMILY, THEN FIVE SONS, THEY CAME TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1893. THEY SETTLED ON A FARM SOUTH OF FAIRBURY AND LIVED THERE UNTIL 1926, WHEN MR. KAISNER RETIRED FROM ACTIVE WORK AND MOVED TO HIS HOME IN FAIRBURY.

THE CHILDREN ARE JACOB, JOHN, ADAM, DAVID, JOSEPH, FRANCIS AND SAMUEL, SONS, AND ONE DAUGHTER, MRS. JOHN TYLER, NORTH OF FORREST. THESE TOGETHER WITH THE BEREAVED WIFE, ONE SISTER LIVING IN THE OLD COUNTRY, AND ONE SISTER, MRS. BARBARA KALAMAN, LIVING IN OHIO, SURVIVE HIM. ALL OF THE CHILDREN LIVE IN THIS LOCALITY. THERE ARE 21 GRANDCHILDREN SURVIVING. ONE SON, WILLIAM, DIED 11 YEARS AGO.

MR. KAISNER WAS A MEMBER OF THE CHRISTIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF THIS CITY, AND THE FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD THERE WEDNESDAY. A LARGE CONCOURSE OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS ATTENDED. THE REMAINS WERE LAID TO REST IN GRACELAND CEMETERY.

ANDREW KOEHL 1888 - 1969

rites Monday for Andrew Koehl, 80

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR ANDREW KOEHL, 80, OF FAIRBURY WERE HELD MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 30, 1969, AT 10 O'CLOCK IN THE FORREST APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH. BURIAL WAS IN THE SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CEMETERY.

MR. KOEHL DIED AT 7:15 P.M. FRIDAY AT FAIRBURY HOSPITAL, WHERE HE HAD BEEN A PATIENT FOR FOUR WEEKS. HIS BODY WAS TAKEN TO THE COOK FUNERAL HOME.

HE WAS BORN AUGUST 11, 1888, AT FAIRBURY, A SON OF FREDERICK AND MARY STEFFEN KOEHL. HE WAS MARRIED TO MARTHA ZIMMERMAN FEBRUARY 16, 1916, AT PONTIAC. THEY FARMED NEAR STRAWN FOR 33 YEARS BEFORE RETIRING AND MOVING TO FAIRBURY IN 1948.

SURVIVING ARE HIS WIFE; FOUR SONS, CLARENCE AND MAURICE, BOTH OF FAIRBURY; VIRGIL, CROSEY; LEROY, FORREST; FOUR DAUGHTERS, MRS. BERNICE COX, FAIRBURY; MRS. EDITH MEISS, NORMAL; MRS. VELDA HUETTE, FORREST; MRS. ELDORA HOERR, PEORIA; TWO BROTHERS, JOHN AND WALTER, BOTH OF FAIRBURY; TWO SISTERS, MISS. MARY KOEHL, FAIRBURY, AND MRS. EMMA SCHMIDGALL, HANCOCK, MINN.; 30 GRANDCHILDREN AND 6 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY FOUR BROTHERS AND TWO SISTERS.

MR. KOEHL WAS A MINISTER OF THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOR 37 YEARS.

ELDER DANIEL ROTH 1857 - 1909

DANIEL ROTH

DANIEL ROTH DIED MONDAY NIGHT AT 11:30 AT HIS HOME EAST OF FAIRBURY. THE DECEASED HAD BEEN IN POOR HEALTH IN RECENT YEARS AND HAD MADE REPEATED TRIPS TO THE HEALTH RESORT AT LATHAM, MO., IN THE HOPES OF BEING BENEFITED. HE LEFT HERE THE LAST TIME IN MARCH AND REMAINED THERE WITH HIS FAMILY FOR THREE MONTHS, RETURNING HOME FRIDAY LAST, WITH BUT LITTLE SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT. HE WAS AFFLICTED WITH THROAT TROUBLE, AND PASSED AWAY WHILE SEATED IN A CHAIR.

DANIEL ROTH CAME WITH HIS PARENTS TO LIVINGSTON COUNTY IN 1871, WHEN HE WAS 19 YEARS OF AGE AND WAS A MEMBER OF IT FOR NINE YEARS AFTERWARD. HE WAS MARRIED IN 1880 TO CATHERINE HEARTEIN, WHO DIED IN 1900. BECAUSE OF FAILING HEALTH HE REMOVED FROM HIS FARM IN 1892, AND PURCHASED A FOUR-ACRE TRACT JUST EAST OF TOWN. LATER HE MARRIED MISS CLARA HERZOG, TO WHOM WAS BORN FOUR CHILDREN. AS A MAN HE WAS EMINENTLY FAIR IN ALL HIS DEALINGS AND EVER READY TO EXTEND A HELPING HAND TO THE NEEDY AND STRUGGLING.

THE FUNERAL WILL BE HELD TODAY AT 12:30 FROM THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH.

FUNERAL OF DANIEL ROTH



THE FUNERAL SERVICES OF THE LATE DANIEL ROTH, WHOSE OBITUARY WAS PUBLISHED LAST WEEK, WERE HELD FROM THE GERMAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH LAST FRIDAY AND WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST ATTENDED EVER HELD IN THIS CITY. REV. CHRIS WAGLER, OF PULASKI, IOWA, PREACHED THE SERMON. MR. ROTH HAD MADE MANY FRIENDS IN HIS LONG RESIDENCE IN THIS CITY AND VICINITY AND HIS DEATH IS DEEPLY MOURNED. THE FOLLOWING FRIENDS AND RELATIVES WERE PRESENT FROM OUT OF TOWN:

DAN ROTH AND SON, OF MORTON, MIKE ZIMMERMAN, OF CONGERVILLE, PETER ROTH, LAMAR, MO., NICK ROTH AND FAMILY, OF STRAWN, A. J. ZIMMERMAN, NICK NUSSBAUM AND FAMILY OF REMINGTON, IND., PETER HERSTEIN, OF CULLOM, SAM ROTH AND FAMILY, CHRIS GERBER AND FAMILY, GEO. ZIMMERMAN, JOHN ZIMMERMAN AND FAMILIES, SAM ZEHR, JOE ZEHR, JOSHUA ZEHR AND FAMILIES FROM OUT OF TOWN, AND A HOST OF FRIENDS FROM REMINGTON, IND., GRIDLEY, EUREKA AND OTHER POINTS.

PETER SCHAFFER 1893 - 1968

FORREST RITES FOR PETER SCHAFFER, 74

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR PETER SCHAFFER SR., 74, OF FAIRBURY WERE HELD 1:30 WEDNESDAY AT THE FORREST CHRISTIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH WITH BURIAL AT GRACELAND CEMETERY.

MR. SCHAFFER DIED AT 8:10 P.M. SUNDAY AT THE HOME OF HIS DAUGHTER, MRS. IVAN STEIDINGER, IN FORREST. HIS BODY WAS TAKEN TO THE COOK FUNERAL HOME IN FAIRBURY.

HE WAS BORN OCT. 4, 1893, IN VOEHHERDINGEN, BES RHIN, FRANCE, A SON OF PETER AND HELEN BAUER SCHAFFER. HE CAME TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1895. HE MARRIED KATIE GERBER IN FAIRBURY APRIL 28, 1912.

MR. SCHAFFER WAS A MINISTER IN THE CHRISTIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH AND ALSO FARMED.

HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE; FOUR SONS, CHRIS OF FORREST, AND PETER JR., ROBERT AND RICHARD OF FAIRBURY; FIVE DAUGHTERS, ANNA REBER AND EDNA REBER, BOTH OF PEORIA, NATHALIA WENGER AND HELEN WALTER, BOTH OF FAIRBURY, AND CATHERINE STEIDINGER OF FORREST; 47 GRANDCHILDREN AND 13 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. *

A SISTER PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH.

HENRY "KARL" SCHWING 1813 - 1880

DEATHS

MR. SWING FORMERLY OF AKRON, OHIO, DIED AT HIS HOME IN THIS TOWNSHIP. TUESDAY EVENING, AGED 67 YEARS. HIS FUNERAL WAS ATTENDED THURSDAY.

BORN 1813, SWITZERLAND.

MARRIED SALMONA BOLLINGER, 1851, AKRON, OHIO.

CHILDREN: HENRY, ALBERT, JOSEPH.

DIED AUGUST 10, 1880, BURIED "SOUTH SIDE" CHURCH CEMETERY.

SAMUEL SLAGEL 1849 - 1937

FUNERAL SERVICES OF SAMUEL SLAGEL HELD YESTERDAY

PASSED AWAY MONDAY EVENING AT 6 O'CLOCK AT HIS HOME ON EAST WALNUT STREET.

SAMUEL SLAGEL, PROMINENT FARMER OF THIS COMMUNITY FOR MANY YEARS, PASSED AWAY MONDAY EVENING AT SIX O'CLOCK AT HIS HOME AT 407 EAST WALNUT STREET, DEATH BEING DUE TO THE INFIRMITIES OF ADVANCED AGE.

HE WAS BORN NOVEMBER 30 1849, IN WISCONSIN AND GREW TO YOUNG MANHOOD THERE. IN THE EARLY SEVENTIES HE CAME TO THIS COMMUNITY, AND ON NOVEMBER 28 1875, IN THIS CITY HE WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO MISS MARY DEMLER.

MR. SLAGEL WAS ENGAGED IN FARMING MOST OF HIS LIFE AND RESIDED ON HIS FARM, ABOUT FIVE MILES SOUTHEAST OF THIS CITY, FOR MANY YEARS.

RETIRING FROM THE FARM IN 1908, HE AND MRS. SLAGEL MOVED TO THE HOME IN THIS CITY WHERE HE HAD SINCE RESIDED.

HE LEAVES SURVIVING ONE DAUGHTER, MRS. PAUL HOFFMAN, AND ONE SON, DANIEL, BOTH RESIDENTS OF THIS COMMUNITY. ONE SON, SAMUEL, DIED AT THE AGE OF FOUR YEARS, AND ANOTHER SON, JOSEPH, PASSED AWAY A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO IN NEW MEXICO. SURVIVING ALSO ARE TWO SISTERS, MRS. SOPHIA RAPP, OF EVANSTON, AND MRS. ALBERT REIMAN, OF OAKVILLE IOWA. MRS. SLAGEL DIED ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO.

FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AT ONE O'CLOCK AT THE CHRISTIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH ON EAST ELM STREET, OF WHICH HE WAS A MEMBER. INTERMENT WAS IN GRACELAND CEMETERY.

OUT-OF-TOWN RELATIVES WHO WERE HERE YESTERDAY TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL INCLUDE: MR. AND MRS. AL HIMELICH, OF FRANCESVILLE IND.; MR. AND MRS. ERNEST MUELLER AND J. D. SWING, OF LA CROSSE IND.; JOE SWING, OF HOOPSTON; MRS. SAM GETZ, OF TREMONT; MRS. LENA SCHAAB, OF NORMAL, AND FRIENDS FROM CISSNA PARK, REMINGTON IND., PEORIA, MORTON, ELGIN, TREMONT AND SABETHA KAN.

PETER SOMMER 1864 - 1920

PETER SOMMER DEAD, FORMERLY RESIDED HERE

THE PEORIA STAR OF TUESDAY CONTAINED A NOTICE OF THE DEATH OF PETER SOMMER, OF THAT CITY, WHO PASSED AWAY AT ST. PETERSBURG, FLA., MONDAY, WHERE HE HAD GONE TO SPEND THE WINTER. HE WAS 75 YEARS OLD. MR. SOMMER RESIDED HERE IN HIS YOUNGER DAYS AND OWNED THE FARM WHERE THE SOUTH CHRISTIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH NOW STANDS.

THE STAR IN SPEAKING OF HIS DEATH SAYS:

PETER SOMMER, FATHER OF PRESIDENT P. W. SOMMER OF KEYSTONE STEEL AND WIRE CO., WHO, IN A LITTLE WOODEN SHED IN TREMONT, TAZEWELL COUNTY, WOVE THE FIRST WIRE FENCE, NEUCLEUS OF THE GIANT PEORIA INDUSTRY OF TODAY, DIED AT 11 O'CLOCK MONDAY MORNING IN ST. PETERSBURG, FLA., WHERE HE HAD BEEN SPENDING THE COLDER MONTHS AT THE WINTER HOME OF HIS SON. HIS AILMENT WAS ANGINA PECTORIS. HIS AGE WAS 76 YEARS.

PETER SOMMER WAS THE INVENTOR OF THE WIRE FENCE. THIRTY-ONE YEARS AGO HE CONCEIVED THE IDEA OF WEAVING WIRE INTO A "NEW" KIND OF FENCE. WITH HIS SONS JOHN AND P. W. HE DESIGNED AND BUILT HIS FIRST WEAVING MACHINE IN A LITTLE FRAME BUILDING STILL STANDING IN THAT VILLAGE. HIS FIRST STRING OF FENCE CREATED A SENSATION AMONG THE FARMERS. THEY SAW IT WAS CHEAP, PRACTICAL AND A GREAT SAVING OF LABOR. THE LITTLE PLANT WAS SOON OUTGROWN AND A LARGER ONE WAS BUILT. THAT WAS __ TURN OUTGROWN AND BESIDES HIS SONS THE INVENTOR WAS EMPLOYING SEVERAL MEN.

IN 1895 WHEN IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT TREMONT COULD NOT SUPPLY FACILITIES FOR MAKING AND SHIPPING FENCING, THE _____ CAME WHEN THE CONSERVATIVE INVENTOR DECIDED TO MOVE TO PEORIA, WHICH HE DID IN 1895, LOCATING ON SOUTH ADAMS STREET. ALTHOUGH THIS PLANT WAS MUCH LARGER, IT, TOO WAS SOON OUTGROWN AND THAN FOLLOWED THE REMOVAL TO THE MANUFACTURING SUBURB OF SOUTH BARTONVILLE.

THE FENCE AND THE MACHINE FOR ITS WEAVING WERE PERFECTED AND THE BRAND WAS MADE "SQUARE DEAL." ADDITION AFTER ADDITION CAME RAPIDLY AND THEN THE STEEL MILLS WITH THEIR THREE OPEN-HEART FURNACES EACH REPRESENTING A MILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT, THE VAST STRUCTURES OF ROD MILLS, BLOOMING MILLS, SOAKING PITS, ETC., CONNECTED WITH FIVE MILES OF PRIVATE SWITCH TRACKS AND A CANAL A MILE OR MORE LONG FROM THE RIVER. IT IS A FAR CALL FROM THE WOODEN SHED IN TREMONT TO THE STEELDALE OF TODAY, THE CULMINATIONS OF PETER SOMMER'S DREAM. THE KEYSTONE STORY IS AN INDUSTRIAL ROMANCE.

MR. SOMMER HELD THE POSITION OF VICE-PRESIDENT IN THE VAST ENTERPRISE HE FOUNDED, BUT HAD RETIRED FROM ACTIVE MANAGEMENT OF ITS AFFAIRS AND WITH HIS WIFE, DIVIDED HIS TIME BETWEEN THEIR HOME IN COLORADO, IN PEORIA AND IN FLORIDA. MRS. SOMMER WAS WITH HIM AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, AS WAS HIS SON, P. W. SOMMER. B. L. SOMMER LEFT FOR FLORIDA YESTERDAY AND JOHN SOMMER TODAY. THE BODY WILL BE BROUGHT TO PEORIA FOR COMMITMENT IN SPRINGDALE CEMETERY.

PETER SOMMER WAS A MAN OF SIMPLE AND KINDLY LIFE. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH, A MAN WHOSE SIMPLE WORD WAS HIS BOND, HONORED AND RESPECTED OF ALL. HE WAS BORN IN TAZEWELL COUNTY, NEAR PEKIN, IN 1844, AND WHEN 21 YEARS OF AGE WAS MARRIED HIS BRIDE MISS. MARY BREISACHER. HE FOLLOWED HIS TRADE AS WAGON MAKER IN THE VILLAGE OF MORTON. LATER HE MOVED TO FAIRBURY WHERE HE LIVED ON A FARM UNTIL HE MOVED TO TREMONT.

CONRAD STEFFEN 1869 - 1922

CONRAD STEFFEN DIES SUDDENLY NEAR CROPSY

CONRAD STEFFEN, ONE OF THE HIGHLY RESPECTED AND WELL-KNOWN FARMERS RESIDING SOUTH OF THIS CITY IN THE VICINITY OF CROPSY, WAS FOUND DEAD BY MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY TUESDAY EVENING A LITTLE BEFORE SIX O'CLOCK, DEATH BEING CAUSED BY APPOPLEXY.

MR. STEFFEN TOGETHER WITH OTHERS OF HIS FAMILY HAD BEEN TO FORREST THAT AFTERNOON IN HIS CAR, AND WHEN THEY ARRIVED HOME A LITTLE AFTER FIVE O'CLOCK, HE TOLD THE OTHERS TO GO INTO THE HOUSE AND HE WOULD DRAIN THE RADIATOR AND PUT THE CAR AWAY. WHEN HE DID NOT RETURN WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY WENT OUT TO SEE WHAT WAS KEEPING HIM. THEY FOUND HIM LYING DEAD JUST OUTSIDE THE GARAGE BY THE SIDE OF THE HIS CAR. A PHYSICIAN WAS SUMMONED, BUT LIFE WAS EXTINCT.

MR. STEFFEN HAD SEEMED TO BE IN HIS USUAL ROBUST HEALTH AND HIS DEATH WAS NOT ONLY A SHOCK TO HIS FAMILY, BUT ALSO HIS ACQUAINTANCES.

CONRAD STEFFEN WAS BORN ON THE OLD HOME PLACE NEAR CROPSY, NOVEMBER 24 1869. TWENTY-NINE YEARS AGO HE WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO KATI HARI WHO TOGETHER WITH THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN SURVIVES: WALTER, ANNA, MARY, TILLIE, BEN AND KATIE. ALL OF THE CHILDREN RESIDE AT HOME, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WALTER, WHO IS MARRIED. THERE ALSO SURVIVE TWO BROTHERS AND TWO SISTERS - ALBERT AND ANDREW STEFFEN OF CROPSY AND MRS. CARL HUBER AND MRS. GOTTLIEB HARI, OF STRAWN.

FOR 26 YEARS MR. STEFFEN HAD RESIDED ON THE PLACE WHERE HE DIED AND DURING THAT TIME HE HAD GAINED THE CONFIDENCE AND RESPECT OF ALL WHO KNEW HIM. FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS HE HAD ACTED AS PASTOR OF THE SOUTH CHRISTIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH, FROM WHICH PLACE THE FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD THIS AFTERNOON.

WALTER STEFFEN 1896 - 1980

HOLD FRIDAY RITES FOR WALTER STEFFEN

WALTER J. STEFFEN, 84, OF 202 S. SIXTH ST., FAIRBURY DIED AT 10:18 A.M. WEDNESDAY OCT. 1 AT FAIRBURY HOSPITAL.

HIS FUNERAL WAS FRIDAY AT FAIRBURY APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH MINISTERS OFFICIATING. BURIAL WAS IN SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CEMETERY.

DUFFY-PILS MEMORIAL HOME WAS IN CHARGE OF THE ARRANGEMENTS.

HE WAS BORN FEB. 1, 1896, IN CROPSEY, A SON OF CONRAD AND CATHERINE HARI STEFFEN. HE MARRIED MARTHA R. BAHLER MARCH 7, 1920, IN REMINGTON, IND. SHE SURVIVES.

ALSO SURVIVING ARE A BROTHER, BEN, FAIRBURY; AND FOUR SISTERS, ANNA, MARY, TILLIE AND KATHRYN STEFFEN, ALL OF FAIRBURY.

HE WAS A MEMBER OF FAIRBURY APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, AND WAS A WORLD WAR I VETERAN AND RETIRED FARMER.

NICKLAUS WANNER 1834 - 1905

BORN 1834, TAVANNES, SWITZERLAND.

MARRIED ELIZABETH ANDREAS, SWITZERLAND.

CHILDREN: JOSEPH, ADOLPH, OTTO, JACOB, WILLIAM, EMIL, MINNIE, LOUIS, ELIZABETH, LYDIA. DIED MAY 3, 1905, BURIED OLD MORTON CHURCH CEMETERY.

HEINRICH ZIEGENHORN 1823 - 1906

A FATHER LAID TO REST

HEINRICH ZIEGENHORN DIED AT HIS RESIDENCE IN CLAYTONVILLE, TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 11, 1906, AT 2 O'CLOCK. BEFORE HIS DEATH MR. ZIEGENHORN DID NOT COMPLAIN OF ANY AILMENTS BUT SEEMED TO GROW WEAK, AND DEATH CAME AS A PEACEFUL SLEEP.

HEINRICH ZIEGENHORN WAS BORN IN PRUSSIA, OCT. 19, 1823. WHEN A YOUNG MAN HE BECAME A MECHANIC.

HE WAS MARRIED TO DOROTHA SCHMIDT IN PRUSSIA ABOUT THE YEAR 1850. SIX CHILDREN WERE BORN TO THEM IN PRUSSIA AND FRANCE. WHERE THEY LIVED FOR SEVEN YEARS. IN 1865 MR. ZIEGENHORN EMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES WHERE THEY MADE THEIR HOME AT PEORIA, ILL. HERE HE FOLLOWED HIS TRADE FOR THREE YEARS. IN PEORIA THE YOUNGEST CHILD WAS BORN.

IN 1868 THE FAMILY MOVED TO FAIRBURY WHERE THEY COMMENCED FARMING. IN 1875 THE FAMILY AGAIN MOVED AND THIS TIME TO IROQUOIS COUNTY, LOCATING SOUTH OF CLAYTONVILLE. THE CHILDREN HAVING GROWN SO THEY COULD RUN THE FARM. MR.

ZIEGENHORN MOVED TO CLAYTONVILLE IN 1888 WHERE HE LIVED UNTIL HIS DEATH. DOROTHA, HIS WIFE, HAVING DIED IN MAY, 1905.

THE SEVEN CHILDREN WHO MOURN HIS DEATH AND SURVIVE HIM ARE ALENA HEINEGER, NORTH OF CLAYTONVILLE, SAMUEL, OF FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS, HENRY, OF JOY, ILLINOIS; DOROTHA BAUMGARTNER, OF CISSNA PARK, HANNAH HARDY, OF BUCKLEY, THEODORE, OF WEINER, ARKANSAS AND AUGUST, OF CLAYTONVILLE.

ELDERS WHO SERVED THE "SOUTH SIDE"

THE "NORTH SIDE" WAS THE EARLIER OF THE TWO RURAL CHURCHES BY SEVERAL YEARS AND THEIR ELDER WAS RUDOLPH LEUTHOLD. WHEN THE "SOUTH SIDE" CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED HE WAS LIKEWISE SELECTED FOR THAT ELDERSHIP. IN ADDITION, HE WAS ALSO A TRUSTEE AND REMAINED SO UNTIL CONSTRUCTION WAS COMPLETED IN 1875. SHORTLY AFTER THIS, A YOUNGER MINISTER, JOHN GEORG STEIDINGER WAS AWARDED THE ELDERSHIP. LEUTHOLD WAS THUS NO LONGER REQUIRED TO SERVE THE "SOUTH SIDE".

THE NEXT, CHRISTIAN GERBER, WHO HAD SERVED THE MINISTRY HERE FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND BEING STEIDINGER'S JUNIOR BY ALMOST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, WAS GIVEN THE CHURCH ELDERSHIP. STEIDINGER, THUS RELIEVED OF HIS DUTIES, WAS NO LONGER REQUIRED TO MAKE THOSE ARDUOUS HORSE-AND-BUGGY TRIPS FROM TOWN. THIS SELECTION MADE GERBER THE ONLY RESIDENT ELDER WITH "FULL-CHARGE" EVER TO SERVE THE "SOUTH SIDE".

AFTER GERBER'S DEATH IN 1910, ELDERS JACOB HONEGGER FORM THE "NORTH SIDE" AND MARTIN STEIDINGER OF THE FAIRBURY CHURCH WERE ENTRUSTED WITH THE "SOUTH SIDE" ELDERSHIP. HONEGGER DIED IN 1920 AND MARTIN STEIDINGER SINGLY CARRIED ON THIS ELDERSHIP PLUS HIS CHARGE AT FAIRBURY UNTIL FEBRUARY 7, 1932.

THE FIRST CHURCH

BEN WELL RECALLED THE ORIGINAL CHURCH, BUT ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS OVER THE YEARS HAVE OBSCURED IT'S DIMENSIONS. THE SEATING IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM FACED THE PULPIT AT THE SOUTH WALL AND TWO STOVES FURNISHED THE HEAT. ANOTHER LARGE ROOM SERVED AS BOTH KITCHEN AND DINING ROOM WHERE THE COOKING RANGE IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER AND ANOTHER HEATING STOVE COMBINED TO PROVIDE WARMTH.

ABOUT 1900, THE CHURCH WAS REMODELED AND ENLARGED. IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM, THE PULPIT WAS PLACED ON THE EAST WITH THE SEATING PROPERLY FACING IT. THE WOMEN SAT ON THE LEFT OR NORTH HALF WITH THE MEN ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE.

AFTER TWENTY OR MORE YEARS OF USE, THE HEATING STOVES WERE PLACED WITH A STEAM FURNACE WHICH PROVIDED A MORE UNIFORM WARMTH AND GENERAL COMFORT OVER THE ENTIRE ASSEMBLY ROOM. BEN HAD A VAGUE RECOLLECTION THAT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WAS BUILT ABOUT THE TIME OF THE CHURCH REMODELING OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER.. IT, TOO, WAS HEATED BY STEAM FROM THE FURNACE IN THE CHURCH BASEMENT. THOUGH BEN WAS UNABLE TO RECALL THE ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HE STILL RETAIN A MENTAL PICTURE OF HOW IT LOOKED WHEN IT WAS VERY NEW. PRIOR TO THIS, SUNDAY SCHOOL HAD BEEN HELD IN THE DINING ROOM.

BUILDING AND REMODELING

IN BUILDING THE ORIGINAL CHURCH AND ALSO IN REMODELING AND ENLARGING IT ABOUT 1900, NO ARCHITECTS NOR DRAFTSMEN WERE UTILIZED. ALL OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORK WAS DONE BY LOCAL CARPENTERS AND NEIGHBORING FARMERS. SOME THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MUCH MORE CONVENIENT IF THE LARGE ASSEMBLY ROOM CEILING COULD BE SUPPORTED IN

SOME MANNER THAT WOULD ELIMINATE THE EXISTING POSTS. ED HARTMAN WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED AND WAS GIVEN THE TASK OF SUPERVISING THE ALTERATION. ONE PROBABLE METHOD WOULD HAVE BEEN TO INSTALL HEAVIER RAFTERS. ATTACHING THE CEILING JOISTS TO THESE WOULD ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE. BEN RECALLED THAT THE CEILING REMAINED FIRM AND LEVEL THROUGHOUT ALL THE YEARS THAT THE CHURCH WAS IN USE: MUTE BUT OBVIOUS TESTIMONY TO THE ABILITY OF THE CARPENTERS.

THE BUILDING WAS WELL-LIGHTED THROUGH ADEQUATE WINDOWS ON BOTH THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES. NUMEROUS RODS, WITH HOOKS ON THE LOWER ENDS, WERE PERMANENTLY ATTACHED TO THE CEILING. SUSPENDED FROM THESE LONG RODS WERE KEROSENE LAMPS WHICH FURNISHED SUFFICIENT LIGHT FOR THE EVENING SERVICES.

THE OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL WERE COVERED WITH WIDE WEATHERBOARD PAINTED WHITE. THE INSIDE WALLS OF THE CHURCH WERE COVERED WITH FOUR-FOOT HIGH WAINSCOTING. ABOVE THIS, BOTH CEILING AND WALLS WERE PLASTERED AND PAINTED WHITE.

THE BENCH SEATS WERE NOT THE MOST COMFORTABLE BUT WERE PROBABLY ON A PAT WITH ANY OF THAT ERA. THE SEAT PART WAS A WIDE BOARD WITH A STURDY BACKREST, ALL OF WHICH WAS VERY SOLIDLY BUILT. THE CARPENTERS THAT BUILT THE CHURCH WERE PROBABLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE SEATS, AT ANY RATE THEY WERE NOT FACTORY-BUILT PEWS. THE VARNISH USED ON THE PEWS AT THAT TIME LACKED THE QUALITY OF TODAY'S. BEN RECALLED THAT IN VERY HOT WEATHER IT WOULD BECOME QUITE TACKY AND STICK TO CLOTHING. IT WAS ONCE RUMORED THAT A MAN, AFTER SITTING FOR A CONSIDERABLE TIME, TORE THE SEAT FROM HIS TROUSERS UPON RISING TO HIS FEET.

HORSE-AND-BUGGY DAYS

THE "OPEN BUGGY", SO COMMON IN THE EARLY DAYS, SPURRED THE CHURCH INTO BUILDING SIX (THREE EACH ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES) RATHER NOVEL BUT PRACTICAL ITEMS CALLED "STEPS". THESE "STEPS" WERE ROUGHLY SIX FEET SQUARE AND TWO AND ONE-HALF FEET HIGH. MADE FROM TWO INCH LUMBER, THEY SERVED AS LOADING AND UNLOADING PLATFORMS FOR "OPEN BUGGY" PASSENGERS. THE ELDERLY AND INFIRM WERE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL FOR THESE ADDED FACILITIES AS EACH HAD STAIR STEPS ON THE SIDE ADJACENT TO THE WALKS LEADING INTO THE CHURCH.

NEAR EACH OF THE SIX "STEPS" WAS A LAMP POST. THEY WERE MADE OF ROUND CEDAR, POINTED AT THE TOP TO HOLD SPECIAL LANTERNS. PAINTED GRAY, THEY STOOD A LONELY, GHOSTLY, VIGIL; EMPHASIZING THEIR IMPORTANCE ONLY AT THE NIGHT MEETINGS BY ILLUMINATING THE NEAREST "STEP". I SPECULATE THAT ONE LAMP POST ALSO STOOD AT THE EAST DOOR.

ALL OF THE SIDEWALKS AT THE CHURCH WERE MADE OF HARD-BURNED BRICK; TWO BY FOUR BY EIGHT INCHES IN SIZE. THESE WALKS WERE MADE WITH THE BRICKS LYING FLAT EXCEPT AT BOTH EDGES WHERE THEY WERE SET DIAGONALLY ON END. THE PORCHES (PASSAGE-WAYS) AROUND THE CHURCH WERE ALSO MADE OF THIS SAME BRICK.

A WOODEN PORCH, ABOUT EIGHT FEET WIDE, EXTENDED ACROSS THE ENTIRE EAST FRONT OF THE BUILDING AND HAD A SINGLE STEP AT EACH END. ANOTHER STEP WAS CENTERED AT THE FRONT OF THE PORCH IN LINE WITH BOTH THE WALK-IN GATE AND THE EAST DOOR ENTRANCE.

CARRIAGES EVENTUALLY REPLACED THE "OPEN BUGGIES": THEY WERE EQUIPPED WITH LOW, LARGE, STURDY, STEPS; NOT TO MENTION MUD AND SPLASH GUARDS OVER THE WHEELS. IN TIME, THE CARRIAGES WERE SUPERSEDED BY AN ALL-WEATHER BUGGY KNOWN AS A

KLONDIKE. BEN'S FATHER HAD "OPEN BUGGIES" AND LATER A CARRIAGE, BUT HE NEVER OWNED A KLONDIKE.

SERVING THE DINNERS

BEN'S PARENTS DISCONTINUED FARMING AND MOVED TO FAIRBURY IN 1911. PRIOR TO THIS THEY HAD ALWAYS ATTENDED THE "SOUTH SIDE" WHOSE SUNDAY SERVICES CONSUMED THE ENTIRE DAY AND NECESSITATED THE SERVING OF A DINNER. UNEXPECTED VISITORS (BEFORE TELEPHONES) SOMETIMES PUT A STRAIN ON THE PROVISIONS BUT SEVERAL MOTHERS USUALLY ALLEVIATED ANY SHORTAGE BY SENDING THEIR CHILDREN HOME FOR AN EXTRA LOAF OR TWO OF BREAD.

IN PAST CONVERSATION WITH BEN'S MOTHER, SHE RECALLED THAT IN THE CHURCH'S EARLY YEARS ALL OF THE BREAD WAS HOMEMADE. HOWEVER WHEN BEN WAS A YOUNGSTER, THE CONGREGATION HAD INCREASED TO THE POINT WHERE IT WAS NO LONGER FEASIBLE FOR THOSE "SERVING" TO BAKE THEIR OWN BREAD. IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PURCHASED FROM THE BAKERY. THEY WOULD PLACE AN ORDER WITH THEM AT LEAST A WEEK IN ADVANCE AND THEN ON THE SATURDAY PRIOR TO THEIR "SERVING DAY" MAKE THE TRIP TO TOWN IN THE SPRING WAGON; PICKING UP THE BREAD AND STOPPING AT THE GROCERY FOR AN AMPLE SUPPLY OF COFFEE AND SUGAR. THIS WAS VERY FINE BREAD, WELL-WRAPPED AND PLACED IN LARGE, LIGHTWEIGHT BREAD BOXES FURNISHED BY THE BAKERY AND TO BE RETURNED TO THEM FOR RE-USE. THE WOMEN, USING BREAD KNIVES AND BOARDS, DID ALL THE SLICING AS NO BAKERY OF THAT ERA PERFORMED SUCH A SERVICE. THIS SLICING WAS A TIME-CONSUMING TASK AND WAS DONE BY SEVERAL ADEPT LADIES EARLY IN THE MORNING SO AS TO BE READY AT "COFFEE TIME".

BEN'S MEMORY RETAINED A CLEAR PICTURE OF THE FIRST BREAD SLICER PURCHASED BY THE CHURCH. ONE PERSON COULD THEN SLICE ALL THE BREAD IN NEAT, UNIFORM SLABS IN A MINIMUM OF TIME. EACH LOAF WAS HAND FED TO THE CUTTING BLADE AND SEVERAL ACCIDENTS, RESULTING IN SEVERELY CUT FINGERS, OCCURRED BEFORE THE OPERATORS LEARNED TO USE ANOTHER LOAF TO PRESSURE THE HEEL INTO THE BLADE. THIS BLADE WAS FASTENED IN A SLIDING HOLDER AT AN ANGLE TO IT'S MOTION AND WAS ALWAYS KEPT EXTREMELY SHARP.

THE YOUNGER CHILDREN WERE NOT TOO ADEPT AT SPREADING BUTTER AND SUGAR ON THE BREAD AND SO AT ONE TIME HOMEMADE, SWEET COFFEE CAKE (KUCHEN) WAS FURNISHED FOR THEM. THIS WAS OF LITTLE CONCERN UNTIL THOSE ADULTS WITH A SWEET TOOTH ALSO BEGAN TO CONSUME COFFEE CAKE INSTEAD OF BREAD. WHEN THE PRACTICE GOT OUT-OF-HAND SEVERAL WOMEN DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM, CONCLUDING THAT THE ADDITIONAL BAKING BURDENED THEM EXCESSIVELY AND THAT THE ONLY REMEDY WAS TO CEASE SUPPLYING COFFEE CAKE ENTIRELY. NO ONE WANTED TO BE THE FIRST TO HALT THIS CUSTOM AND THUS BE A TARGET OF THE GRUMBLING THAT WOULD SURELY FOLLOW.

IMPULSIVELY BEN'S MOTHER VOLUNTEERED AND THE GROUP BACKED HER, DECLARING THAT THEY WOULD LIKEWISE REFUSE TO SERVE KUCHEN WHEN THEIR TURN ARRIVED. THERE WAS SOME MOANING AT FIRST BUT THE INCIDENT WAS SOON FORGOTTEN.

THE EARLY CHURCH LACKED WINDOW SCREENS AND IN THE SUMMER THE FLIES TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THIS ESPECIALLY WHILE THEY WERE EATING AT THE DINING TABLES. SOME OF THE WOMEN, USING THREE-FOOT LONG, LEAFY, TREE BRANCHES AS CHASERS, WOULD STAND BEHIND THE DINERS AND FLICK AWAY THE FLIES QUITE EFFECTIVELY.

THE CHURCH COFFEE



THE CHURCH COFFEE WAS INVARIABLY A VERY TASTY DRINK. IT WAS MADE IN LARGE QUANTITIES BY A FEW CERTAIN WOMEN KNOWN FOR THEIR PROWESS AS COOKS AND ONE OF THEM ASSUMED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PREPARING IT EACH SUNDAY. THIS COFFEE WAS MADE ON THE COAL-BURNING COOKSTOVE IN A COPPER WASH BOILER OF APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN GALLON CAPACITY. IT HAD HANDLES AT EACH END AND WAS COVERED WITH A LID OF TIN. THE GROUND COFFEE AND RAW, WELL-BEATEN EGGS WERE PUT IN A TWENTY-FIVE POUND, MUSLIN, SUGAR SACK. ALL, IN PROPER PROPORTION TO THE NUMBER OF GALLONS OF WATER REQUIRED, ENDED UP IN THE BOILER. THIS FORMULA NO DOUBT CONTRIBUTED TO THE DISTINCTIVE, SAVORY TASTE.

THE COFFEE, SUGAR, BUTTER, AND BREAD WERE ALWAYS SERVED TOGETHER AND A BATCH OF STIRRING SPOONS WERE STUCK DIRECTLY IN THE BOWL WITH THE SUGAR. THIS ELIMINATED THE ENDLESS HUNT FOR A DRY SUGAR SPOON.

FUEL FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED STOVE WAS KEPT IN THE COAL-AND-COB ROOM. THIS WAS THE CENTER SECTION OF THE BUILDING WHICH HOUSED THE TWO OUTDOOR REST ROOMS. IT WAS IMMEDIATELY WEST OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

SUPPLIES FOR THE SUNDAY DINNER

THEY MADE MANY CHURNS OF BUTTER AT HOME IN THOSE DAYS AND FURNISHING AN ADEQUATE AMOUNT FOR THE SUNDAY "SERVING" WAS NO PROBLEM. TO MEET THE LARGE MILK REQUIREMENTS THOUGH, IT WAS NECESSARY FOR SEVERAL FAMILIES -- POSSIBLY TEN -- TO AUGMENT OUR SUPPLY BY EACH FURNISHING A GALLON. ALL, IN TURN, WOULD RECIPROCATE WHEN EACH OTHER'S "SERVING" SUNDAY ARRIVED.

THIS RAW MILK)PASTEURIZING AND HOMOGENIZING PROCESS WERE NOT YET IN WIDESPREAD USE) WAS BROUGHT TO CHURCH IN JUGS OF CROCKERY. SEVERAL, COMMENSURATE WITH THE EXPECTED ATTENDANCE, WERE OPENED, Poured IN LARGE CONTAINERS, AND BOILED IN PREPARATION FOR SERVING AT DINNER TIME. THE REMAINDER WERE KEPT IN RESERVE AND ONLY USED AS THEIR NEED BECAME APPARENT. THE DONORS WOULD RECLAIM BOTH EMPTY AND UNOPENED JUGS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERVICES.

BEN'S MOTHER ALWAYS TOOK ANOTHER PRECAUTION WHEN SHE SUPERVISED THE "SERVING". BY POURING THE MILK INTO AN OPEN PAN, PRIOR TO BOILING, SHE COULD MILK A CURSORY EXAMINATION FOR IMPURITIES. GLASS JUGS, OF COURSE, HAD THEY BEEN IN EXISTENCE, WOULD HAVE ELIMINATED THIS PROCEDURE.

MID-WEEK CHURCH SERVICES

IN EARLY YEARS, THE MID-WEEK SERVICES WERE HELD ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS OR EVENINGS DEPENDING ON THE SEASON. AFTERNOON SERVICES COMMENCED AT THANKSGIVING AND CONTINUED THROUGH THE WINTER UNTIL FIELD WORK STARTED IN THE SPRING. THEY WOULD THEN REVERT TO THE EVENING ROUTINE UNTIL THE FOLLOWING THANKSGIVING WHEN THE CYCLE WOULD BE REPEATED.

ONCE, AT A MID-WEEK, EVENING SERVICE, ALL OF THE MINISTERS FAILED TO ATTEND. IN THEIR ABSENCE, THE CONGREGATION HELD A "SINGSTUND" OR HOUR OF SONG. THEY OPENED WITH A PRAYER, SUNG SEVERAL HYMNS, HAD A CLOSING PRAYER, AND RETURNED HOME.

ONE MINISTER, BEN'S NEIGHBOR JOHN GERBER HAD WORKED EXTREMELY HARD THAT DAY AND, ASSUMING THAT THE OTHER MINISTERS WOULD ATTEND, DECIDED TO STAY HOME. THE REMAINING MINISTERS, BY THEIR ABSENCE FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, HAD LEFT THE PULPIT UNATTENDED THAT PARTICULAR NIGHT, AND IF BEN RECALLED CORRECTLY, NO MID-WEEK SERVICES WERE HELD FOR SOME TIME AFTER THAT.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

THE FOLLOWING WERE IN CHARGE OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TAUGHT THE BOY'S CLASSES

LOUIS KOEHL SR. 1855 - 1933

LOUIS KOEHL, SR.

LOUIS KOEHL, SR., FOR MANY YEARS A RESIDENT OF THIS COMMUNITY, PASSED AWAY AT HIS HOME 208 W. WALNUT STREET, ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON AT TWO O'CLOCK, AT THE AGE OF 78 YEARS AND 11 DAYS. HIS ILLNESS DATES BACK SEVERAL YEARS.

LOUIS KOEHL WAS BORN IN LATHRINGEN, FRANCE, MARCH 10, 1855, A SON OF HENRY AND CHARLOTTE KOEHL. HE RECEIVED HIS EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS OF HIS NATIVE TOWN, COMING TO AMERICA IN 1876, WHEN HE WAS 21 YEARS OLD. FOR MANY YEARS HE LIVED SOUTHEAST OF FAIRBURY, BUT RETIRED FROM THE FARM IN 1917, AND MOVED TO THIS CITY, WHERE HE HAD SINCE RESIDED.

HE WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO MISS ELIZABETH FEHR, AND SURVIVING FROM THIS UNION IS ONE DAUGHTER, MRS. CARL SCHAUBLE, OF SAUNEMIN. FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF MRS. KOEHL, HE WAS IN 1891 UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO MISS MARY WAIBEL, WHO PASSED AWAY APRIL 19, 1929. THREE CHILDREN SURVIVE FROM THIS LATTER UNION AND ARE AS FOLLOWS: MRS. LOUISE ZIMMERMAN AND PAUL KOEHL, OF STRAWN, AND LOUIS KOEHL, OF FAIRBURY. THERE ALSO SURVIVES ONE BROTHER, HENRY, OF FARMINGDALE, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.

DURING HIS MANY YEARS RESIDENCE HERE MR. KOEHL, THROUGH HIS HONESTY AND INTEGRITY, GAINED AND HELD THE ESTEEM OF ALL WHO KNEW HIM. HIS CHILDREN WILL REMEMBER HIM AS A KIND AND GENTLE FATHER.

THE FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD YESTERDAY AFTERNOON FROM THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, WITH INTERMENT IN GRACELAND CEMETERY.

JACOB SCHLIPF 1866 - 1917

JACOB SCHLIPF

JACOB SCHLIPF, ONE OF THE HIGHLY RESPECTED RESIDENTS OF THIS VICINITY, PASSED AWAY AT HIS HOME IN THE SOUTHEAST PART OF FAIRBURY, LAST SUNDAY, AGED 50 YEARS, 11 MONTHS AND 24 DAYS. HIS DEATH CAME AFTER AN ILLNESS OF OVER A YEAR'S DURATION AND WAS CAUSED BY A CANCEROUS GROWTH IN HIS HEAD.

THE DECEASED WAS BORN IN WURTTEMBERG, GERMANY, MAY 5, 1866, AND HE CAME TO THIS COUNTRY IN 1881, WHERE HE WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO MISS MARY BESSLER. WHEN MR. SCHLIPF CAME TO AMERICA, HE LOCATED FIRST IN TREMONT, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND A SHORT TIME LATER WENT TO PEORIA. TWENTY-FOUR YEARS AGO HE MOVED TO A FARM NEAR FORREST, WHERE HE RESIDED TWENTY-TWO YEARS, MOVING TO SOUTH OF THIS CITY TWO YEARS AGO. EIGHT CHILDREN WERE BORN TO MR. AND MRS. SCHLIPF, FIVE GIRLS AND THREE BOYS, ALL OF WHOM ARE AT HOME.

MR. SCHLIPF WAS AN EXCELLENT GENTLEMAN AND A KIND AND LOVING HUSBAND AND FATHER.

THE FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD ON WEDNESDAY FROM THE GERMAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN THIS CITY, OF WHICH HE WAS A MEMBER. THE LARGE CONCOURSE OF PEOPLE WHO WERE

PRESENT TOLD OF THE HIGH ESTEEM IN WHICH HE WAS HELD. MANY WERE PRESENT FROM OUT OF TOWN. THE REMAINS WERE LAID TO REST IN THE FAIRBURY CEMETERY.

ALBERT STEFFEN 1863 - 1948

ALBERT STEFFEN

ALBERT STEFFEN, OF CROPSEY, PASSED AWAY LAST FRIDAY EVENING (MARCH 26, 1948) AT 10:35 O'CLOCK AT THE FAIRBURY HOSPITAL, AT THE AGE OF 84 YEARS, FIVE MONTHS AND 22 DAYS. MR. STEFFEN HAD BEEN IN FAILING HEALTH THE PAST TWO YEARS.

HE WAS BORN OCTOBER 4, 1863, AT CONGERVILLE, THE SON OF ULRICH AND ANNA (WENGER) STEFFEN. AT THE AGE OF FOUR HE MOVED WITH THE FAMILY TO THE CROPSEY VICINITY, WHERE HE HAD SINCE RESIDED.

ON FEBRUARY 28, 1886, HE WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO MISS ELIZABETH HARI. TO THIS UNION FOUR CHILDREN WERE BORN: MRS. ROSE IFFT, OF FAIRBURY; MRS. IDA BAHLER, CROPSEY; AND MRS. EMMA BAHLER, OF REMINGTON, IND. A SON ELMER, PRECEDE HIM IN DEATH IN 1919. MRS. STEFFEN PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 22, 1912.

ON FEBRUARY 10, 1915, MR. STEFFEN WAS MARRIED TO LIZZIE BROQUARD, WHO SURVIVES TOGETHER WITH THE THREE DAUGHTERS, SIXTEEN GRANDCHILDREN AND FOUR GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD MONDAY MORNING AT 10:30 O'CLOCK AT THE SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OF WHICH HE WAS A MEMBER, AND INTERMENT WAS IN THE CHURCH CEMETERY. THE REV. DAVID MANGOLD OFFICIATED.

THE PALLBEARERS WERE GRANDSONS, MARVIN AND RALPH BAHLER, RAYMOND, ELMER AND HARVEY IFFT AND ELMER BAHLER.

THE SERVICES WERE LARGELY ATTENDED. THOSE ATTENDING FROM A DISTANCE WERE FROM REMINGTON AND FRANCESVILLE, IND., MANSFLEID, OHIO, WICHITA, KAN., PEORIA, ROANOKE, MORTON, PRINCEVILLE, GOODFIELD, GRIDLEY, CISSNA PARK, ELGIN AND CHICAGO.

ED HARTMAN 1858 - 1940

EDWARD HARTMAN, SR.

EDWARD HARTMAN, SR. WHO HAD SPENT THE GREATER PART OF HIS MORE THAN FOUR SCORE IN THIS CITY AND VICINITY, PASSED AWAY AT THE FAIRBURY HOSPITAL, ON MONDAY MORNING AT 7:15 O'CLOCK AT THE AGE OF 81 YEARS, 2 MONTHS AND 24 DAYS.

BORN IN PEORIA NOVEMBER 4, 1858, SON OF FREDERICK AND ELEANORA HARTMAN, HE LIVED THERE UNTIL 14 YEARS OF AGE WHEN THE FAMILY REMOVED TO A FARM NEAR EUREKA, WHERE HE WORKED FOR HIS FATHER 12 YEARS.

ON JANUARY 18, 1885, HE WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO MARY STEFFEN, AND THREE YEARS LATER THEY MOVED TO A FARM NEAR STRAWN, WHERE MRS. HARTMAN PASSED AWAY JUNE 2, 1911, LEAVING BESIDES HER HUSBAND FIVE SONS AND THREE DAUGHTER.

MR. HARTMAN ON NOVEMBER 20TH 1913, WAS MARRIED TO ANNA DATWEILER. THEY RESIDED ON THE FARM NEAR STRAWN FOR SIX YEARS, MOVING TO THIS CITY IN THE WINTER OF 1919.


AT THE AGE OF 23 YEARS MR. HARTMAN BECAME A MEMBER OF THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, REMAINING A FAITHFUL AND ACTIVE MEMBER IN THAT CHURCH FOR 59 YEARS.

SURVIVING BESIDES THE WIDOW ARE EIGHT SONS - SILAS AND DAVE, STRAWN; EDWAED, JR., OF CHICAGO; EZRA, LEIPSIC, O.; JEFF, LLOYD AND ALVIN, ALL OF FAIRBURY, LEROY OF MORTON; THREE DAUGHTERS - MRS. JOHN ALT, OF CISSNA PARK; MRS. FRED KARLE, OF PAYNE, O.; MRS. HOWARD HAY, OF CHICAGO. ALSO SURVIVING IS A SISTER, MRS. LYDIA MANGOLD, OF ROANOKE. HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY A DAUGHTER, LOIS.

FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD AT ONE O'CLOCK WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH. INTERMENT WAS IN GRACELAND CEMETERY.

PHILLIP SOHN SR. 1857 - 1912

PHILLIP SOHN DIES SUDDENLY

PHILLIP SOHN, ONE OF THE WELL KNOWN AND PROMINENT GERMAN FARMERS OF FORREST TOWNSHIP, DIED VERY SUDDENLY MONDAY EVENING ABOUT FIVE O'CLOCK FROM AN ATTACK OF APPOPLEXY. MR. SOHN HAD BEEN FEELING UNUSUALLY WELL OF LATE AND MONDAY WAS ASSISTING IN PUTTING UP HAY ON HIS FARM, FOUR MILES SOUTH OF FORREST. HE WAS NOT WORKING A GREAT DEAL, BUT HAD A FORK AND WAS GATHERING UP THE LOOSE HAY HERE AND THERE AND PILLING IT UP. HIS BOY AND HIS SON-IN-LAW, FRED RIEGER, WERE RUNNING THE HAY LOADER AND UNLOADING THE HAY. THE TWO YOUNG MEN HAD DRIVEN, INTO THE BARN LOT, WHICH WAS JUST ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE HAY FIELD, AND WERE GOING TO UNLOAD THEIR HAY AND GO BACK FOR THE LAST LOAD. MR. SOHN'S SON LOOKED AROUND AND SAW HIS FATHER MOTION FOR HIM TO COME. HE KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG AND BOTH YOUNG MEN HASTENED TO THE STRICKEN MAN. WHEN THEY REACHED HIS SIDE HE COULD NOT TALK. THE WOMEN FOLK BROUGHT WATER WHICH THEY TRIED TO GIVE HIM, BUT HE COULD NOT SWALLOW IT. THEY CARRIED HIM  THE HOUSE AND SUMMONED A DOCTOR, BUT HE BREATHED HIS LAST A SHORT TIME AFTER REACHING THE HOUSE AND BEFORE THE DOCTOR ARRIVED. MR. SOHN HAD SUFFERED ATTACKS OF HEART TROUBLE PREVIOUSLY AND HAD FREQUENTLY PREDICTED THAT HE WOULD DIE IN JUST THAT MANNER. HE HAD BEEN LOOKING AND FEELING UNUSUALLY WELL OF LATE AND MONDAY HAD REMARKED UPON HOW GOOD HE WAS FEELING.

PHILLIP SOHN WAS BORN ON A FARM IN ELSASS, NEAR REISHOFEN, COUNTY OF NUDERBRAUN, GERMANY, MAY 12, 1857. HE CAME TO AMERICA WHEN HE WAS 16 YEARS OLD AND WENT TO WORK FOR JOHN EBERSALL IN FORREST TOWNSHIP. A FEW YEARS LATER HE WENT TO ROANOKE, WHERE HE FOLLOWED THE OCCUPATION OF A FARMER, IT WAS THERE HE MET AND MARRIED MISS ELOUISE WAINETTE IN 1882. TWELVE CHILDREN WERE BORN TO THEM OF WHOM THERE ARE NINE SURVIVING, TWO SONS AND ONE DAUGHTER DYING IN INFANCY. THE SURVIVING CHILDREN ARE SALOME RIEGER, TILLIE, LIZZIE, PHILLIP, BENJAMIN, MARTHA, JEFFIE, LYDIA AND PERCILLA, WHO WITH THE BEREAVED WIFE AND NUMEROUS FRIENDS AND RELATIVES MOURN HIS DEATH.

MR. AND MRS. SOHN CAME TO THIS LOCALITY 23 YEARS AGO AND HE ENGAGED IN FARMING SOUTH OF FORREST. HE WAS AN HONEST AND UPRIGHT CITIZEN, A KIND AND LOVING HUSBAND AND FATHER AND A GOOD NEIGHBOR. HIS DEATH WILL BE MOURNED BY MANY FRIENDS AND THE BEREAVED FAMILY HAVE THE SYMPATHY OF ALL.

GEORGE IFFT SR. 1863 - 1945

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR GEO. IFFT HELD SUNDAY

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR GEORGE IFFT WERE HELD SUNDAY AFTERNOON FROM THE CHRISTIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH AND INTERMENT WAS IN THE CHURCH CEMETERY. MR. IFFT PASSED AWAY LAST FRIDAY MORNING AT SEVEN O'CLOCK AT THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. ELI STEIDINGER FOLLOWING A SEVERAL WEEKS ILLNESS. HE WAS AGED 81 YEARS; SIX MONTHS AND EIGHT DAYS.

MR. IFFT WAS BORN IN WALROTH, HESSEN GERMANY, JULY 4 1863. WHEN 18 YEARS OF AGE HE CAME TO AMERICA, AND ON APRIL 21 1884, HE WAS UNITED ON MARRIAGE TO SUSANNAH MILLER, OF CONGERVILLE. TO THEM WERE BORN MRS. MINNIE STEIDINGER, MARGARET, WILLIAM, OF STRAWN; JOHN, OF PEORIA; SAM, OF CROSEY; MRS. SUSIE SCHLICK, OF ELGIN. MRS. IFFT PASSED AWAY DECEMBER 24 1893, AND IN APRIL 1895, HE WAS MARRIED TO SALOME SCHLIPF, OF PEORIA. SHE PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH IN SEPTEMBER 1897. ON NOVEMBER 25 1898, HE WAS MARRIED TO MARGARET HARI, OF FORREST. SHE SURVIVES TOGETHER WITH THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN BORN TO THIS UNION: MRS. SALOME FEHR, OF ROANOKE; MRS. BERTHA STEIDINGER, OF FORREST; FRED AND GEORGE, OF FAIRBURY; PAUL, OF FORREST; MRS. EDNA MUELLER, OF STRAWN. THERE ARE 48 GRANDCHILDREN.

MR. IFFT WAS A FARMER, WHICH OCCUPATION HE FOLLOWED FOR MANY YEARS, SOUTHEAST OF THIS CITY. HE RETIRED ABOUT 15 YEARS AGO. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CHRISTIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH.

BEN LEMAN 1878 - 1948

BEN LEMAN, PROMINENT FORREST MAN, DIES

BEN LEMAN, OF FORREST, WHO FOR MANY YEARS RESIDED SOUTH OF THAT VILLAGE, PASSED AWAY AT HIS HOME IN FORREST, WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 3:30 O'CLOCK. MR. LEMAN, WHO HAD BEEN ILL FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS WAS AGED 70 YEARS, TEN MONTHS AND 17 DAYS.

MR. LEMAN WAS A SON OF JOSEPH AND KATHRYN (SMITH) LEMAN AND WAS BORN AT METAMORA, JANUARY 21, 1878. HE RESIDED IN THAT VICINITY DURING HIS YOUNGER LIFE AND THERE ON JANUARY 8, 1901, HE WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO CAROLINE ANLIKER. THEY MADE THEIR HOME AT METAMORA FOR THREE YEARS AND THEN MOVED TO A FARM SOUTH OF FORREST, WHERE THEY LIVED UNTIL OCTOBER 13, 1948, WHEN THEY MOVED INTO THEIR NEW HOME IN FORREST.

SURVIVING ARE THE WIFE AND THE FOLLOWING NINE CHILDREN: HARVEY AND MRS. KATHRYN SCHNEIDER, BOTH OF STRAWN; ELI AND CHRIS, BOTH OF FAIRBURY; MRS. LAURA KACHELMUSS, ELGIN; AND SIDNEY, RICHARD AND MISS BENA LEMAN, ALL OF FORREST. ALSO SURVIVING ARE 18 GRANDCHILDREN AND THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS AND SISTERS: WILL, OF BREMEN, IND.; HENRY AND MRS. KATIE ^{Betsy} BELSEY, BOTH OF FRANCESVILLE, IND.; DAVE, GOODFIELD, JOSEPH, ROANOKE, ALF, OF METAMORA, AND JOHN AND MISS PERCIDA AND MISS ELIZA LEMAN, ALL OF EUREKA. TWO SONS, SILAS AND ERNEST, ONE DAUGHTER, LEONA, TWO BROTHERS AND FOUR SISTERS PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH.

FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD FROM THE SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WHICH HE WAS A MEMBER, TOMORROW MORNING AT 10:30 O'CLOCK. INTERMENT WILL BE IN THE CHURCH CEMETERY.

PAUL HOFFMAN 1878 - 1933

PAUL HOFFMANN KILLED AS TRAIN STRIKES AUTO

JACOB BOHNING, OF GERMANY, MEETS DEATH IN SAME ACCIDENT, WHICH OCCURRED AT BUCYRUS, OHIO.

PAUL HOFFMANN, AGED 55 YEARS, A WELL KNOWN AND HIGHLY ESTEEMED FARMER RESIDING FOUR MILES SOUTHEAST OF FAIRBURY, AND JACOB BOHNING, OF SELMINGER, GERMANY, WERE BOTH KILLED YESTERDAY MORNING ABOUT FIVE O'CLOCK AT BUCYRUS, O., WHEN THE HOFFMANN CAR WAS STRUCK BY A FAST PENNSYLVANIA PASSENGER TRAIN.

MR. HOFFMANN HAD LEFT FAIRBURY ON TUESDAY MORNING AND GONE TO MANSFIELD, O., WHERE HE HAD MET MARTIN STEIDINGER, PETER SCHAFFER AND JOHN BOLLIGER, ALSO OF FAIRBURY. THESE LATTER THREE GENTLEMEN HAD GONE TO ROCKVILLE, CONN., LAST WEEK WHERE THEY HAD MET FOUR ELDERS OF THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, WHO HAD COME TO THIS COUNTRY FROM SWITZERLAND AND GERMANY ON A BUSINESS MISSION CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH. ALL THREE CARS HAD LEFT MANSFIELD EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING ON THEIR WAY TO BUCYRUS WHERE THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED.

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM BUCYRUS TELLS OF THE ACCIDENT:

BUCYRUS, O., SEPT. 21 (SPECIAL TO THE BLADE) - JACOB BOHNING, AGED 62, OF SELMINGER, GERMANY, AND PAUL HOFFMANN, AGED 55, OF FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS, WERE INSTANTLY KILLED WHEN THEIR AUTOMOBILE WAS STRUCK BY A FAST WESTBOUND PENNSYLVANIA PASSENGER TRAIN ON THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY CROSSING HERE AT FIVE O'CLOCK THIS MORNING. BOTH DIED OF SKULL FRACTURE.

HOFFMAN, WITH PETER SCHAFFER, JOHN BOLLIGER AND MARTIN STEIDINGER, FAIRBURY, AND EARL BAER, OF REMINGTON, IND., HAD GONE TO MANSFIELD, O., TO MEET BOHNING AND OTTO KILLEY, OF GERMANY, FATHER OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, WOMAN; AND JACOB KUENZIE AND ELMER OBRECHT, OF BERNE, SWITZERLAND. THIS PARTY OF FOUR HAD ARRIVED FROM THE OLD COUNTRY LAST FRIDAY IN NEW YORK CITY, AND HAD VISITED IN CONNECTICUT BEFORE STARTING WEST TO MEET ILLINOIS FRIENDS AT MANSFIELD.

BOHNING WAS RIDING WITH HOFFMANN WHILE THE OTHERS WERE IN TWO OTHER CARS. THE OTHER TWO CARS PASSED OVER THE CROSSING AND CONTINUED WEST TO UPPER SANDUCKY, 18 MILES FROM HERE, WHERE THEY DISCOVERED THE HOFFMANN CAR WAS MISSING. THEY TURNED BACK IN SEARCH AND UPON ARRIVING AT THE CROSSING HERE FOUND THE DEMOLISHED CAR. THE BODIES HAS BEEN REMOVED TO FUNERAL PARLOR.

THIS CROSSING IS NOT PROTECTED BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 6 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING. TWO MOTORISTS FROM JOHNSTOWN, PA., SAW THE ACCIDENT, AND REPORTED THE HOFFMANN CAR DROVE DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE TRAIN. BODIES BEING SHIPPED THIS AFTERNOON TO FAIRBURY.

OBITUARY

PAUL HOFFMANN WAS BORN IN RENOURE, FRANCE, MAY 7, 1878, BEING AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH AGED 55 YEARS, 4 MONTHS AND 14 DAYS. HIS PARENTS WERE JACOB AND CHRISTINA HOFFMANN.

WHEN FIVE YEARS OF AGE MR. HOFFMANN CAME WITH THE FAMILY TO THIS COUNTRY, LOCATING IN FORREST. LATER THEY WENT TO CISSNA PARK, WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS EDUCATION AND WHERE HE GREW TO YOUNG MANHOOD.

ON DECEMBER 7, 1902 IN THIS CITY, MR. HOFFMANN WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO EMMA SLAGEL, AND HE HAD RESIDED IN THIS VICINITY SINCE THAT TIME. SURVIVING BESIDES MRS. HOFFMANN ARE THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN: MRS. MARIA KILGUS, OF FAIRBURY; MRS. MARTHA IFFT, OF FORREST; JOE, LEONA, LEVI, ALICE, SAM, PAUL, RALPH AND CLYDE, AT HOME. THERE ARE ALSO BROTHERS AND SISTERS AS FOLLOWS: JOHN, OF RENOURE, FRANCE; JOE, OF

ROANOKE; ANDY, OF FOUNTAIN CREEK; SAM, OF CISSNA PARK; MRS. LENA YOST, OF FAIRBURY; MRS. CARRIE STOLLER, OF PEORIA; MRS. LYDIA SWING, OF SAN PIERRE, IND.; MRS. MAGGIE SPRINGER, OF CONGERVILLE; MRS. LUCY FARNEY, OF FOUNTAIN CREEK. HIS FATHER PASSED AWAY IN THIS CITY JANUARY 20, 1914, AND HIS MOTHER DIED AT CISSNA PARK IN SEPTEMBER, 1908.

MR. HOFFMANN WAS A MEMBER OF THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH. A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND A KIND HUSBAND AND FATHER, HE WILL BE MISSED BOTH BY HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS HAD NOT BEEN MADE LAST EVENING, PENDING THE ARRIVAL OF THE REMAINS, WHICH WERE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE LAST NIGHT ~~OF~~ THIS MORNING

EMIL HOERR 1871 - 1954

EMIL HOERR SERVICES HELD MONDAY

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR EMIL HOERR, WHO PASSED AWAY AT HIS HOME IN THIS CITY FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT ONE O'CLOCK, WERE HELD MONDAY MORNING AT TEN O'CLOCK FROM THE CHRISTIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH, WITH INTERMENT IN THE EAST GRACELAND CEMETERY. MR. HOERR, WHO HAD BEEN IN FAILING HEALTH FOR SEVERAL MONTHS PAST, WAS AGED 82 YEARS, SEVEN MONTHS AND 25 DAYS.

MR. HOERR WAS BORN AT BADEN, GERMANY, JUNE 17, 1871, A SON OF PETER AND CAROLINE FLEUER HOERR. HE GREW TO YOUNG MANHOOD IN HIS NATIVE COUNTRY, COMING TO THE UNITED STATES IN MAY, 1893. SEVEN YEARS LATER, JANUARY 14, 1900, AT MORTON, HE WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO MARIE BRENKMAN. THEY FARMED NEAR FAIRBURY UNTIL MOVING TO THEIR PRESENT HOME ON EAST HICKORY STREET SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

SURVIVING ARE HIS WIFE, FIVE DAUGHTERS, MISS KATIE HOERR, MISS CAROLINE HOERR, MISS SALLIE HOERR, MISS MATILDA HOERR, ALL OF FAIRBURY, MRS. GERTRUDE IFFT, FORREST; TWO GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE BROTHER, JOHN, PEORIA.

JOHN KOEHL 1885 - 1979

rites WEDNESDAY FOR JOHN KOEHL, 93

JOHN KOEHL, 93, A RESIDENT OF FAIRVIEW HAVEN NURSING HOME, DIED AT 5:40 P. M. SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 1979 AT FAIRBURY HOSPITAL FOLLOWING AN ILLNESS OF SEVERAL MONTHS.

HIS FUNERAL WAS HELD AT 10 A. M. WEDNESDAY AT THE FAIRBURY APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH WITH THE CHURCH MINISTERS OFFICIATING. BURIAL WAS IN GRACELAND CEMETERY.

THE PALLBEARERS WERE JOHN KOEHL III, PLAINFIELD; ^{ANDRA E} ANDRA NIEHAUSER, FRANCESVILLE, IND.; DOUGLAS STEWART, PEORIA; JOHN EISENMANN, KENNETH EISENMANN, AND JOHN HOFFMAN, FAIRBURY.

VISITATION WAS TUESDAY AT THE STIVER HOME FOR FUNERALS AND AFTER 9 A. M. ON WEDNESDAY AT THE CHURCH.

MR. KOEHL WAS BORN JULY 18, 1885, IN METAMORA, THE SON OF FRED AND MARY STEFFEN KOEHL. HE MARRIED LEAH RIEGER IN FAIRBURY ON FEB. 14, 1909. SHE DIED OCTOBER 28, 1970.

SURVIVING ARE FOUR SONS, JOHN, OF PLAINFIELD, DICK AND SAM, OF FAIRBURY AND DEAN, OF ANCHOR; FOUR DAUGHTERS, LYDIA EISENMANN, OF FAIRBURY, ESTHER HODEL, OF CISSNA PARK

AND RUTH VAUGHN AND LEONA BENTLEY, OF TEMPE, ARIZ.; ONE SISTER, MRS. EMMA SCHMIDTGALL, OF HANCOCK, MINN.; 15 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 33 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY A SON, FIVE BROTHERS, THREE SISTERS AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN.

MR. KOEHL WAS A RETIRED FARMER. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE FAIRBURY APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

ANDREW RIEGER 1890 - 1951

FORREST RITES SUNDAY FOR ANDREW REIGER, ROAD COMMISSIONER

ANDREW RIEGER, 60, HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER OF FORREST TOWNSHIP FOR 23 YEARS, DIED AT 1:15 P.M. YESTERDAY AT MERCY HOSPITAL URBANA. HE HAD BEEN A PATIENT THERE SINCE SUNDAY.

THE BODY WAS BROUGHT TO THE J. W. BROWN FUNERAL HOME HERE, AND WAS TO BE RETURNED TO THE RESIDENCE THIS AFTERNOON.

FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT 10 A.M. SUNDAY AT THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN FORREST. BURIAL WILL BE IN SOUTH SIDE CEMETERY.

MR. REIGER, A RETIRED FARMER, WAS BORN DEC. 15, 1890, AT PRINCEVILLE, A SON OF JACOB AND CHRISTINE RIEGER. HE WAS MARRIED TO MATILDA SOHN JAN. 2, 1913.

HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE; TWO SONS, HARVEY AND RICHARD, BOTH OF FORREST; NINE GRANDCHILDREN; TWO BROTHERS, FRED AND EMANUEL, BOTH OF FORREST; FOUR SISTERS, MRS. ROSE STEFFEN, MRS. LEAH KOEHL AND MISS SALOME RIEGER, ALL OF FAIRBURY, AND MRS. SARAH STREITMATTER, OF PRINCEVILLE.

HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE FORREST APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

LOUIS KOEHL JR. 1894 - 1969

LOUIS KOEHL DIES AT 74

THE FUNERAL FOR LOUIS KOEHL, 74, OF FAIRBURY WAS HELD AT 10 A. M. TUESDAY, FEB. 18, 1969, IN THE FORREST APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH. BURIAL WAS IN THE SOUTH CHURCH CEMETERY.

MR. KOEHL DIED AT 11 P. M. SATURDAY IN FAIRBURY HOSPITAL, WHERE HE HAD BEEN A PATIENT FOR TWO WEEKS. HIS BODY WAS TAKEN TO THE COOK FUNERAL HOME.

HE WAS BORN NEAR STRAWN JULY 9, 1894, A SON OF LOUIS AND MARY WAIBEL KOEHL. HE MARRIED SARAH ZIMMERMAN NOVEMBER 28, 1917, IN PONTIAC. THEY LIVED ON A FARM NEAR FORREST UNTIL 1954, WHEN THEY MOVED TO FAIRBURY.

SURVIVORS INCLUDE HIS WIFE; THREE SONS, DEAN, LOUISVILLE, KY.; RALPH, FORREST; AND CLYDE, FAIRBURY; SIX DAUGHTERS, MRS. DOROTHY RIEGER AND MRS. CAROL STEIDINGER, BOTH OF FORREST; MRS. ETHEL MEISS, GRIDLEY; MRS. VIRGINIA HUETTE AND MRS. HAZEL HUETTE, BOTH OF FAIRBURY; MRS. BETTY KLOPFENSTEIN, NORMAL; 26 GRANDCHILDREN; A BROTHER, PAUL, FORREST, AND A SISTER, MRS. LOUISE ZIMMERMAN, FORREST.

A SON AND A SISTER PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH.

MR. KOEHL WAS A MEMBER OF THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

EMIL BAHLER 1891 - 1959

EMIL BAHLER, 67, BURIED TUESDAY

SERVICES WERE HELD AT THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TUESDAY AT 10 A. M. FOR THE REV. EMIL BAHLER, 67, WHO DIED AT HIS HOME AT 9:20 P. M. SATURDAY. HE HAD BEEN ILL FOR THREE YEARS.

SERVICES WERE HELD AT THE BAHLER HOME SOUTH OF FAIRBURY AT 9:30 A. M. TUESDAY. BURIAL WAS IN THE SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CEMETERY.

HE WAS BORN DEC. 24, 1891, AT FAIRBURY, A SON OF JACOB AND NINA KELLER BAHLER. HE MARRIED IDA STEFFEN AT FAIRBURY, FEB. 8, 1920.

THEY MOVED TO A FARM IN BELLE PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP, WHERE THEY MADE THEIR HOME FOR 39 YEARS.

SURVIVING ARE HIS WIFE, THREE SONS, MARVIN AND RALPH, FAIRBURY; ARTHUR, FORT LEONARD WOOD, MO.; TWO DAUGHTERS, MRS. HELEN FRYE, CROPSY; MRS. VERLA DAVIS, STRAWN; EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN; THREE BROTHERS, HERMAN, FAIRBURY; ERWIN, REMINGTON, IND.; JACOB, WOLCOTT, IND.; SEVEN SISTERS, MRS. MARIE SCHIELER, REMINGTON, IND.; MRS. WALTER STEFFEN, FAIRBURY; MRS. OBID GERBER, MISS TILLIE BAHLER, DECATUR, IND.; MRS. BEN STEFFEN, CROPSY; MRS. PHILIP GETZ, WOLCOTT, IND.; AND MRS. HENRY KILGUS, FORREST.

A BROTHER AND A SISTER PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH.

HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, AND ONE OF THE MINISTERS.

PAUL HONEGGER 1898 - 1989

PAUL HONEGGER

PAUL F. HONEGGER, 91, A RESIDENT OF FAIRVIEW HAVEN IN FAIRBURY FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS AND FORMERLY OF FORREST, DIED SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1989, AT FAIRVIEW HAVEN.

HIS FUNERAL WAS AT 10 A. M. TUESDAY AT THE FORREST APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, CHURCH MINISTERS OFFICIATING. BURIAL WAS IN NORTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CEMETERY.

HE WAS BORN MARCH 31, 1898, IN RURAL FORREST, A SON OF EDWARD AND BERTHA HAAB HONEGGER. HE MARRIED MARTHA WAIBEL ON FEB. 11, 1922, IN PONTIAC. SHE DIED OCT. 19, 1986.

SURVIVORS INCLUDE FIVE DAUGHTERS MILDRED ZIMMERMAN, FORREST; EILEEN GETZ, REYNOLDS, IND., EVELYN ZORN, 314 RILEY DRIVE, BLOOMINGTON; AND VIOLA BACHTOLD AND NANCY HONEGGER, BOTH OF FAIRBURY; TWO SONS, WAYNE, FAIRBURY, AND GARY, FORREST; TWO BROTHERS, FRANK, FAIRBURY AND SAMUEL, FORREST; TWO SISTERS, NATHALIA HONEGGER AND KATHRYN HONEGGER, BOTH OF FAIRBURY; 24 GRANDCHILDREN; AND 39 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY THREE BROTHERS, SIX SISTERS AND ONE GREAT-GRANDSON.

HE WAS A MEMBER OF FORREST APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH. HE HAD FARMED IN THE FORREST AREA UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1958.

WATLER MOSER 1901 - 1986

rites June 21 for lifelong area resident, Walter Moser

WALTER MOSER, 85, OF FAIRBURY, DIED AT 6:35 A. M. JUNE 19, 1986, AT FAIRVIEW HAVEN NURSING HOME, FAIRBURY, WHERE HE HAD MADE HIS RESIDENCE.

HIS FUNERAL WAS AT 1 P. M. SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 1986 AT APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FAIRBURY. CHURCH MINISTERS OFFICIATED. BURIAL WAS IN GRACELAND CEMETERY, FAIRBURY.

VISITATION WAS FROM 2 TO 4 P. M. AND 6 TO 8 P. M. JUNE 20, 1986, AT DUFFY-PILS MEMORIAL HOME, FAIRBURY, AND WAS ONE HOUR BEFORE THE FUNERAL AT THE CHURCH SATURDAY.

BORN JA. 14, 1901, AT WING, HE WAS THE SON OF CHRISTIAN AND LYDIA YODER MOSER. HE MARRIED PERCEDA BROQUARD ON FEB. 16, 1928, AT FAIRBURY. SHE SURVIVES.

OTHER SURVIVORS INCLUDE TWO SONS, KEITH, STRAWN, AND LLOYD, FAIRBURY; FIVE DAUGHTERS, JOANNA AUPPERLE, GRIDLEY; THELMA WORRELL, VIENNA; COLLEEN WALTER, FAIRBURY; SHARON KELSON, HUDSON; AND MARLENE MOSER, MORTON; ONE BOTHER, SI, FAIRBURY; FIVE SISTERS, FANNIE MAURER, OLLIE STEIDINGER, GERTRUDE MOSER, LAVINE MOSER AND VIOLA MOSER, ALL OF FAIRBURY; 25 GRANDCHILDREN; AND 18 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY THREE BROTHERS, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN FAIRBURY AND A FORMER MEMBER OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU.

HE WAS A LIFELONG AREA RESIDENT AND WAS A RETIRED FARMER.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS WERE GRANDSONS, MIKE KELSON, ROBERT KELSON, KEVIN MOSER, AND ALAN R. WALTER.

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS WERE SAM WALTER, DAN WALTER, BRAIN MOSER, DOUG MOSER, PAUL KELSON AND DALE E. APPERLE.

THE FOLLOWING TAUGHT THE GIRL'S CLASSES.

HELEN SCHAFFER 1864 - 1953

SERVICES TOMORROW FOR MRS. HELEN SCHAFFER

FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD FRIDAY FOR MRS. HELEN SCHAFFER, AGED 89 YEARS, WHO DIED AT 7:30 P.M. TUESDAY AT THE HOME OF HER SON, PETER, AT 410 NORTH FOURTH STREET.

SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT THE HOME AT 9:30 A. M. FRIDAY AND AT THE CHRISTIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH AT 10 A. M. BURIAL WILL BE AT EAST GRACELAND CEMETERY.

MRS. SCHAFFER WAS BORN MAY 15, 1864, AT MACKWILLER, FRANCE, THE DAUGHTER OF GEO. AND MARGARET GERBER BAUER. SHE WAS MARRIED IN FRANCE IN 1882 TO PETER SCHAFFER.

MR. SCHAFFER DIED IN 1892. MRS. SCHAFFER, AND HER SON PETER CAME TO THIS COUNTRY IN 1895 AND LIVED AT CISSNA PARK BEFORE MOVING TO THE FAIRBURY COMMUNITY IN 1904.

SURVIVING ARE THE SON, NINE GRANDCHILDREN, AND 22 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. A DAUGHTER DIED IN INFANCY.

ANNA ROTH 1888 - 1980

SUNDAY RITES FOR LIFE-LONG RESIDENT, ANNA ROTH, 92

ANNA ROTH, 92, DIED AT 6:30 P. M. FRIDAY, AT FAIRVIEW HAVEN NURSING HOME, FAIRBURY WHERE SHE LIVED 13 YEARS.

HER FUNERAL WAS SUNDAY AT THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, WITH CHURCH MINISTERS OFFICIATING. BURIAL WAS IN SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CEMETERY. DUFFY-PILS MEMORIAL HOME, FAIRBURY, WAS IN CHARGE OF THE ARRANGEMENTS.

SHE WAS BORN JAN. 8, 1888, IN FAIRBURY, A DAUGHTER OF SAMUEL AND MARGARET (SCHINI) ROTH.

A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF THE AREA, MISS ROTH WAS A MEMBER OF THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

SURVIVING ARE FIVE BROTHERS, SAMUEL, MORTON; JOSEPH, PEORIA; BEN, GLENDALE, CALIF.; JOHN, FAIRBURY; AND HARRY, PHOENIX, ARIZ.

FOUR SISTERS PRECEDED HER IN DEATH.

ANNA STEFFEN 1898 - 1990

ANNA STEFFEN

ANNA STEFFEN, 91, OF PEORIA AND FORMERLY OF FAIRBURY, DIED AT 11:16 P.M. SATURDAY AT APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME, PEORIA, WHERE SHE MADE HER RESIDENCE.

HER FUNERAL WILL BE AT 10 A.M. TUESDAY AT APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FAIRBURY, WITH CHURCH MINISTERS OFFICIATING. BURIAL WILL BE IN SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CEMETERY, RURAL FAIRBURY.

VISITATION WILL BE FROM 4:30 TO 8 P.M. TODAY AT DUFFY-PILS MEMORIAL HOME, FAIRBURY, AND FROM 9 TO 10 A.M. TUESDAY AT THE CHURCH.

SHE WAS BORN AUG. 6, 1898, IN CROPSY, A DAUGHTER OF CONRAD AND KATHERINE HARI STEFFEN.

SURVIVING ARE ONE BROTHER, BEN STEFFEN, FAIRBURY; AND ONE SISTER, KATHRYN STEFFEN, PEORIA.

SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY ONE BROTHER AND TWO SISTERS.

^{Miss} MRS. STEFFEN WAS A MEMBER OF APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH. SHE HAD LIVED HER LIFETIME IN THE FAIRBURY AND CROPSY AREA.

ANNA GERBER 1875 - 1952



SERVICES FOR MISS GERBER HELD MONDAY

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MISS ANNA GERBER, WHO PASSED AWAY AT HER HOME HERE ON FRIDAY MORNING AT TEN O'CLOCK AT THE AGE OF 76 YEARS, SIX MONTHS AND TWO DAYS, WERE HELD FROM THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH MONDAY MORNING AT TEN O'CLOCK. INTERMENT WAS IN GRACELAND CEMETERY. MISS GERBER'S DEATH FOLLOWED AN EXTENDED ILLNESS.

MISS GERBER HAD RESIDED IN THIS COMMUNITY ALL HER LIFE. SHE WAS BORN SOUTH OF FAIRBURY IN BELLE PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP, JULY 6, 1875, AND HAD BEEN A RESIDENT OF THIS CITY FOR THE PAST 32 YEARS. HER PARENTS WERE CHRISTIAN AND BARBARA (ROTH) GERBER.

SURVIVORS ARE TWO SISTERS, MISS LYDIA GERBER AND MRS. KATIE SCHAFFER, BOTH OF FAIRBURY; ONE BROTHER, CHRIS, OF FAIRBURY, AND 17 NIECES AND NEPHEWS. ALSO SURVIVING ARE MRS. TILLIE WANNER GERBER, OF ROCKVILLE, CONN., AND MRS. SARAH WANNER BAER, OF DUNLAP, WHO WERE GIVEN A HOME IN THE GERBER HOME SINCE YOUTH. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

KATIE HARI 1869 - 1952

MRS. STEFFEN, 83, DIES AT CROPSY

MRS. CATHERINE STEFFEN, AGED 83, DIED LAST WEDNESDAY AT HER HOME IN CROPSY. SHE HAD BEEN ILL SINCE NOVEMBER 1950. FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD SATURDAY AT 9:00 A. M. AT THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN FAIRBURY. INTERMENT WAS IN THE SOUTH APOSTOLIC CEMETERY.

MRS. STEFFEN WAS BORN MARCH 12, 1869, IN BERN, SWITZERLAND, A DAUGHTER OF FREDERICK AND ELIZABETH TROXEL HARI. SHE CAME TO THE UNITED STATES WHEN SHE WAS 13 AND LIVED WITH HER FAMILY FIRST AT FAIRBURY.

HER HUSBAND PASSED AWAY IN 1922. IN 1937 SHE MOVED TO CROPSY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY TWO SONS, WALTER, OF FAIRBURY AND BEN, OF CROPSY; FOUR DAUGHTERS, MISS ANNA, MISS MARY, MISS TILLIE AND MISS KATHRYN STEFFEN, ALL AT HOME; AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN, WALTER LEE AND KATHLEEN ANN STEFFEN. ALSO SURVIVING ARE TWO SISTERS, MRS. MARY LEUTOLD AND MRS. ROSA ROTH, AND A BROTHER, GOTTLIEB HARI, ALL OF FAIRBURY.

SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THERISA SCHNEIDER

UNKNOWN

MAGGIE IFFT 1887 - 1971

MARGARET IFFT

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MISS MARGARET IFFT, 83, FAIRBURY, WERE HELD MONDAY, APR. 26, 1971, AT THE CHRISTIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN FORREST. INTERMENT WAS IN GRACELAND CEMETERY, FAIRBURY. COOK FUNERAL HOME WAS IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

SHE WAS BORN DEC. 7, 1887, AT ROANOKE, A DAUGHTER OF GEORGE AND SUSAN MILLER IFFT.

SHE IS SURVIVED BY FOUR BROTHERS, WILLIAM, FRED AND GEORGE, FAIRBURY; PAUL, FORREST; FOUR SISTERS, MRS. SUSIE SCHICK, ELGIN; MRS. SALOME FEHR, EUREKA; MRS. BERTHA STEIDINGER, FORREST; AND MRS. EDNA MUELLER, STRAWN.

SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY TWO BROTHERS AND A SISTER.

ROSA HARI 1871 - 1965

HOLD RITES ON WEDNESDAY FOR MRS. ROTH

SERVICES WERE HELD AT 10 A. M. WEDNESDAY AT THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOR MRS. ROSA ROTH, 94. BURIAL WAS AT THE SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CEMETERY. VISITATION WAS HELD FROM 2 TO 9 P. M. TUESDAY AT THE COOK FUNERAL HOME, FAIRBURY, AND AFTER 9 A. M. ON WEDNESDAY AT THE CHURCH.

MRS. ROTH DIED AT 7 A. M. MONDAY, MAY 31, 1965, AT FAIRBURY HOSPITAL AFTER AN ILLNESS OF TWO WEEKS. SHE HAD BEEN A RESIDENT OF FAIRVIEW HAVEN REST HOME FOR TWO YEARS.

SHE WAS BORN IN BERN, SWITZERLAND, APRIL 15, 1871, A DAUGHTER OF FRED AND ELIZABETH TROXELL HARI, SHE CAME TO THE UNITED STATES WHEN SHE WAS 11 YEARS OLD. SHE MARRIED SAMUEL L. ROTH IN FAIRBURY IN 1898. THEY LIVED ON A FARM SOUTH OF HERE UNTIL 1936, WHEN THEY MOVED TO FAIRBURY.

SURVIVING ARE FIVE SONS, SAM, MORTON; JOE, PEORIA; BEN, GLENDALE, CALIF.; JOHN, FAIRBURY; HARRY, FORREST; TWO DAUGHTERS, MISS CATHERINE ROTH AND MISS ANNA ROTH, BOTH OF FAIRBURY; 14 GRANDCHILDREN AND NINE GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND, THREE DAUGHTERS, THREE BROTHERS AND FOUR SISTERS.

SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

SONG LEADERS

THE FOLLOWING ARE LISTED IN THE APPROXIMATE ORDER IN WHICH THEY SERVED

LOUIS KOEHL SR. 1855 - 1933

LOUIS KOEHL, SR.

LOUIS KOEHL, SR., FOR MANY YEARS A RESIDENT OF THIS COMMUNITY, PASSED AWAY AT HIS HOME 208 W. WALNUT STREET, ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON AT TWO O'CLOCK, AT THE AGE OF 78 YEARS AND 11 DAYS. HIS ILLNESS DATES BACK SEVERAL YEARS.

LOUIS KOEHL WAS BORN IN LATHRINGEN, FRANCE, MARCH 10, 1855, A SON OF HENRY AND CHARLOTTE KOEHL. HE RECEIVED HIS EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS OF HIS NATIVE TOWN, COMING TO AMERICA IN 1876, WHEN HE WAS 21 YEARS OLD. FOR MANY YEARS HE LIVED SOUTHEAST OF FAIRBURY, BUT RETIRED FROM THE FARM IN 1917, AND MOVED TO THIS CITY, WHERE HE HAD SINCE RESIDED.

HE WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO MISS ELIZABETH FEHR, AND SURVIVING FROM THIS UNION IS ONE DAUGHTER, MRS. CARL SCHAUBLE, OF SAUNEMIN. FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF MRS. KOEHL, HE WAS IN 1891 UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO MISS MARY WAIBEL, WHO PASSED AWAY APRIL 19, 1929. THREE CHILDREN SURVIVE FROM THIS LATTER UNION AND ARE AS FOLLOWS: MRS. LOUISE ZIMMERMAN AND PAUL KOEHL, OF STRAWN, AND LOUIS KOEHL, OF FAIRBURY. THERE ALSO SURVIVES ONE BROTHER, HENRY, OF FARMINGDALE, LONG-ISLAND, NEW YORK.

DURING HIS MANY YEARS RESIDENCE HERE MR. KOEHL, THROUGH HIS HONESTY AND INTEGRITY, GAINED AND HELD THE ESTEEM OF ALL WHO KNEW HIM. HIS CHILDREN WILL REMEMBER HIM AS A KIND AND GENTLE FATHER.

THE FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD YESTERDAY AFTERNOON FROM THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, WITH INTERMENT IN GRACELAND CEMETERY.

ALBERT STEFFEN 1863 - 1948

ALBERT STEFFEN

ALBERT STEFFEN, OF CROPSY, PASSED AWAY LAST FRIDAY EVENING (MARCH 26, 1948) AT 10:35 O'CLOCK AT THE FAIRBURY HOSPITAL, AT THE AGE OF 84 YEARS, FIVE MONTHS AND 22 DAYS. MR. STEFFEN HAD BEEN IN FAILING HEALTH THE PAST TWO YEARS.

HE WAS BORN OCTOBER 4, 1863, AT CONGERVILLE, THE SON OF ULRICH AND ANNA WENGER STEFFEN. AT THE AGE OF FOUR HE MOVED WITH THE FAMILY TO THE CROPSY VICINITY, WHERE HE HAD SINCE RESIDED.

ON FEBRUARY 28, 1886, HE WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO MISS ELIZABETH HARI. TO THIS UNION FOUR CHILDREN WERE BORN: MRS. ROSE IFFT, OF FAIRBURY; MRS. IDA BAHLER, CROPSY; AND MRS. EMMA BAHLER, OF REMINGTON, IND. A SON ELMER, PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH IN 1919. MRS. STEFFEN PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 22, 1912.

ON FEBRUARY 10, 1915, MR. STEFFEN WAS MARRIED TO LIZZIE BROQUARD, WHO SURVIVES TOGETHER WITH THE THREE DAUGHTERS, SIXTEEN GRANDCHILDREN AND FOUR GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD MONDAY MORNING AT 10:30 O'CLOCK AT THE SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OF WHICH HE WAS A MEMBER, AND INTERMENT WAS IN THE CHURCH CEMETERY. THE REV. DAVID MANGOLD OFFICIATED.

THE PALLBEARERS WERE GRANDSONS, MARVIN AND RALPH BAHLER, RAYMOND, ELMER AND HARVEY IFFT AND ELMER BAHLER.

THE SERVICES WERE LARGELY ATTENDED. THOSE ATTENDING FROM A DISTANCE WERE FROM REMINGTON AND FRANCESVILLE, IND., MANSFLEID, OHIO, WICHITA, KAN., PEORIA, ROANOKE, MORTON, PRINCEVILLE, GOODFIELD, GRIDLEY, CISSNA PARK, ELGIN AND CHICAGO.

JOHN ZIMMERMAN, SR. 1858 - 1949

J. A. ZIMMERMAN SERVICES YESTERDAY

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR JOHN A. ZIMMERMAN, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE FAIRBURY HOSPITAL SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:20 O'CLOCK, WERE HELD YESTERDAY MORNING AT 9:30 FROM THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH. INTERMENT WAS IN THE SOUTH APOSTOLIC CEMETERY. GRANDSONS OF THE DECEASED WERE PALLBEARERS.

MR. ZIMMERMAN, WHO HAD BEEN IN FAILING HEALTH FOR SOME TIME, WAS AGED 90 YEARS, TEN MONTHS AND 20 DAYS.

JOHN A. ZIMMERMAN WAS A SON OF JOHN AND SARA CAPP ZIMMERMAN, AND WAS AT METAMORA, ON DECEMBER 23, 1858. ON FEBRUARY 1, 1885, AT EUREKA, HE WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO MISS SARAH HARTMAN.

MR. AND MRS. ZIMMERMAN LOCATED ON A FARM SOUTHEAST OF FAIRBURY, WHERE THEY LIVED UNTIL ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO, WHEN THEY MOVED INTO THIS CITY, RESIDING AT 304 SOUTH FIFTH STREET.

SURVIVING ARE FOUR SONS, JOSEPH, OF FAIRBURY; JOHN, OF FORREST; SAM, OF STRAWN; AND MIKE, OF FT. WAYNE, IND.; FIVE DAUGHTERS, MRS. KATIE ZEHR, MRS. MARTHA KOEHL, MISS LAURA AND MISS LILLIAN, ALL OF FAIRBURY; MRS. SARAH KOEHL, FORREST; 43 GRANDCHILDREN AND 30 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FAIRBURY.

WILL WAGLER 1874 - 1963

WM. WAGLER RITES SUNDAY IN FAIRBURY

FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD SUNDAY MARCH 13, 1963, IN FAIRBURY FROM COOK FUNERAL HOME AT 12:30 AND THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH AT 1 P. M. FOR WILLIAM WAGLER, 88, OF LOMBARD, WHO DIED AT 4:50 A. M. THURSDAY AT BAKER NURSING HOME IN PEORIA. HE WAS A FORMER FAIRBURY RESIDENT.

THE REV. AL FISHER, OF CHICAGO AND REV. J. J. BROQUARD, OF FAIRBURY WERE IN CHARGE OF THE SERVICES AND BURIAL WAS IN GRACELAND CEMETERY.

WAGLER WAS BORN SEPT. 28, 1874, IN PULASKI, IOWA, A SON OF CHRISTIAN AND MATTIE SLAGEL WAGLER. HE MARRIED EMMA FARNEY JAN. 10, 1900, AT FAIRBURY. HE FARMED NEAR FAIRBURY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

SURVIVING ARE SEVEN DAUGHTER, MRS. ANNETTA HENRY, FLORIDA; MRS. CLARA SIMMONS, CHAMPAIGN; MRS. DOROTHY LEHMAN, KENTLAND, IND.; MRS. EMILY BERGHAMMER, LOMBARD; MRS. MILDRED GRIEDEK, MORTON; MRS. JEAN SIGNORELLA, LONG ISLAND, N. Y.; FIVE SONS, AL WAGLER, REUBEN WAGLER, MORTON; CHRISTIAN WAGLER, LOMBARD; 45 GRANDCHILDREN, 35 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.

HIS WIFE AND A SON PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH.

BEARERS WERE GENE LEHAMAN, DAN WAGLER, BILL BERGHAMMER, JERRY GRIEDEK, STEVE GRIEDEK, AND JIM ANDERSON, GRANDSONS.

BEN LEMAN 1878 - 1948

BEN LEMAN, PROMINENT FORREST MAN, DIES

BEN LEMAN, OF FORREST, WHO FOR MANY YEARS RESIDED SOUTH OF THAT VILLAGE, PASSED AWAY AT HIS HOME IN FORREST, WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 3:30 O'CLOCK. MR. LEMAN, WHO HAD BEEN ILL FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS WAS AGED 70 YEARS, TEN MONTHS AND 17 DAYS.

MR. LEMAN WAS A SON OF JOSEPH AND KATHRYN (SMITH) LEMAN AND WAS BORN AT METAMORA, JANUARY 21, 1878. HE RESIDED IN THAT VICINITY DURING HIS YOUNGER LIFE AND THERE ON JANUARY 8, 1901, HE WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO CAROLINE ANLIKER. THEY MADE THEIR HOME AT METAMORA FOR THREE YEARS AND THEN MOVED TO A FARM SOUTH OF FORREST, WHERE THEY LIVED UNTIL OCTOBER 13, 1948, WHEN THEY MOVED INTO THEIR NEW HOME IN FORREST.

SURVIVING ARE THE WIFE AND THE FOLLOWING NINE CHILDREN: HARVEY AND MRS. KATHRYN SCHNEIDER, BOTH OF STRAWN; ELI AND CHRIS, BOTH OF FAIRBURY; MRS. LAURA KACHELMUSS, ELGIN; AND SIDNEY, RICHARD AND MISS BENA LEMAN, ALL OF FORREST. ALSO SURVIVING ARE 18 GRANDCHILDREN AND THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS AND SISTERS: WILL, OF BREMEN, IND.; HENRY AND MRS. KATIE SELSY, BOTH OF FRANCESVILLE, IND.; DAVE, GOODFIELD, JOSEPH, ROANOKE, ALF, OF METAMORA, AND JOHN AND MISS PERCIDA AND MISS ELIZA LEMAN, ALL OF EUREKA. TWO SONS, SILAS AND ERNEST, ONE DAUGHTER, LEONA, TWO BROTHERS AND FOUR SISTER, PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH.

FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD FROM THE SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WHICH HE WAS A MEMBER, TOMORROW MORNING AT 10:30 O'CLOCK. INTERMENT WILL BE IN THE CHURCH CEMETERY.

SAM STEFFEN 1904 - 1983

SAMUEL T. STEFFEN, 79, DIES AUGUST 31 AT FAIRBURY HOSPITAL

SAMUEL T. STEFFEN, 79, OF FAIRBURY A RETIRED FARMER, DIED AT 4:07 A. M. AUGUST 31, 1983 AT FAIRBURY HOSPITAL.

HIS FUNERAL WAS FRIDAY AT FAIRBURY APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN. BURIAL WAS IN GRACELAND CEMETERY.

DUFFY-PILS MEMORIAL HOME HANDLED THE ARRANGEMENTS.

PALLBEARERS WERE WAYNE, EMANUEL AND ALBERT STEFFEN, LLOYD BACHTOLD, WARREN ZEHR AND JOHN TRAUB.

MR. STEFFEN WAS BORN AUG. 30, 1904, AT CROSEY, A SON OF ANDREW AND LOUISE WAIBEL STEFFEN. HE MARRIED ANNA M. ZEHR FEB. 21, 1932, AT FAIRBURY. SHE SURVIVES.

ALSO SURVIVING ARE TWO SONS, RICHARD S., FORREST AND EARL E., FAIRBURY; A DAUGHTER, LOUISE FURRER, FAIRBURY; TWO BROTHERS, ALPHA L. AND EZRA W., BOTH OF FAIRBURY; THREE SISTERS, LENA STEFFEN AND LYDIA BACHTOLD, BOTH OF FAIRBURY, AND LOUISE SABO, MANFIELD, OHIO; SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN; AND TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY THREE BROTHERS, A SISTER AND A SON.

MR. STEFFEN WAS A MEMBER OF THE FAIRBURY APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

BEN STEFFEN 1906 - 1993

BEN STEFFEN

BEN C. STEFFEN, 87, A LIFETIME RESIDENT OF THE FAIRBURY-CROSEY AREA, DIED AT 11:40 A. M. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 1993, AT PEORIA APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME, WHERE HE HAD BEEN A RESIDENT SINCE JANUARY 1992.

HIS FUNERAL WAS AT 10 A. M. TODAY, WEDNESDAY AT THE FAIRBURY APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH. CHURCH MINISTERS OFFICIATED.

BURIAL WAS IN SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CEMETERY, RURAL FAIRBURY.

PALLBEARERS WERE WALT STEFFEN, BENJI STEFFEN, MICHAEL STEFFEN, LEE STEFFEN, CLEVE KLOPFENSTEIN AND AARON KLOPFENSTEIN.

VISITATION WAS TUESDAY AT DUFFY-PILS MEMORIAL HOME, FAIRBURY, AND WEDNESDAY AT THE CHURCH.

MR. STEFFEN WAS BORN MARCH 19, 1906, IN CROSEY, A SON OF CONRAD AND CATHERINE HARI STEFFEN. HE MARRIED NINA BAHLER MAY 30, 1937, IN REMINGTON, IND. SHE SURVIVES.

OTHER SURVIVORS INCLUDE A SON, WALT, CROSEY; A DAUGHTER, KATHLEEN KLOPFENSTEIN, PEORIA; A SISTER, KATHRYN STEFFEN, PEORIA; ONE GRANDDAUGHTER, AND FIVE GRANDSONS.

A BROTHER AND THREE SISTERS PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH.

MR. STEFFEN WAS A LIFETIME FARMER IN THE CROSEY AREA, RETIRING IN 1972. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FAIRBURY.

LOUIS KOEHL JR. 1894 - 1969

LOUIS KOEHL DIES AT 74

THE FUNERAL FOR LOUIS KOEHL, 74, OF FAIRBURY WAS HELD AT 10 A. M. TUESDAY, FEB. 18, 1969, IN THE FORREST APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH. BURIAL WAS IN THE SOUTH CHURCH CEMETERY.

MR. KOEHL DIED AT 11 P. M. SATURDAY IN FAIRBURY HOSPITAL, WHERE HE HAD BEEN A PATIENT FOR TWO WEEKS. HIS BODY WAS TAKEN TO THE COOK FUNERAL HOME.

HE WAS BORN NEAR STRAWN JULY 9, 1894, A SON OF LOUIS AND MARY WAIBEL KOEHL. HE MARRIED SARAH ZIMMERMAN NOVEMBER 28, 1917, IN PONTIAC. THEY LIVED ON A FARM NEAR FORREST UNTIL 1954, WHEN THEY MOVED TO FAIRBURY.

SURVIVORS INCLUDE HIS WIFE; THREE SONS, DEAN, LOUISVILLE, KY.; RALPH, FORREST; AND CLYDE, FAIRBURY; SIX DAUGHTERS, MRS. DOROTHY RIEGER AND MRS. CAROL STEIDINGER, BOTH OF FORREST; MRS. ETHEL MEISS, GRIDLEY; MRS. VIRGINIA HUETTE AND MRS. HAZEL HUETTE, BOTH OF FAIRBURY; MRS. BETTY KLOPFENSTEIN, NORMAL; 26 GRANDCHILDREN; A BROTHER, PAUL, FORREST, AND A SISTER, MRS. LOUISE ZIMMERMAN, FORREST.

A SON AND A SISTER PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH.

MR. KOEHL WAS A MEMBER OF THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

RAYMOND WENGER 1919 - 1983

RAYMOND WENGER, 64, FAIRBURY-FORREST AREA FARMER, DIES SEPT. 13

RAYMOND WENGER, 64, OF RURAL FAIRBURY DIED AT 6:43 A. M. SEPT. 13, 1983 AT FAIRBURY HOSPITAL WHERE HE HAD BEEN A PATIENT A WEEK.

HIS FUNERAL WILL BE AT 10 A. M. TODAY, THURSDAY, AT FORREST APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH. BURIAL WILL BE IN SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CEMETERY. CULKIN FUNERAL HOME IN FORREST IS HANDLING THE ARRANGEMENTS. PALLBEARERS WILL BE MARVIN AND SAM WENGER, SAM AND MARVIN BACHTOLD, LARRY FISCHER AND BILL WAIBEL.

HE WAS BORN APRIL 24, 1919, AT FAIRBURY, A SON OF EDWARD AND ANNA PETER WENGER. HE MARRIED MIRIAM RAMSEYER MARCH 25, 1951, AT FORREST. SHE DIED JULY 9, 1980.

SURVIVING ARE THREE DAUGHTERS, ANNE WENGER, FAIRBURY; MATTIE L. WENGER, NORMAL; AND DOROTHY VIRKLER, ROCKVILLE, CONN.; A BROTHER; CLARENCE, EUREKA; FOUR SISTERS, ALDINE WACKERLE AND LAURA WENGER, BOTH OF FORREST; WILMA FISCHER, ROANOKE AND EDNA WIEGAND, SAUNEMIN; AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN.

A BROTHER PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH.

MR. WENGER WAS A MEMBER OF FORREST APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

HE FARMER IN THE FAIRBURY-FORREST AREA.

THE CHURCH YARD, DRIVES, ETC.

THE CHURCH YARD COULD BE ENTERED THROUGH EITHER OF TWO GATES ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE CHURCH -- ONE ON THE NORTH AND ONE ON THE SOUTH. EACH ENTRANCE GATE ACTUALLY CONSISTED OF TWO HALF-GATES WHICH WERE HINGED FROM POSTS AT THEIR OUTER ENDS. FRONTING THE CHURCH AND SPANNING THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE TWO DRIVE-IN ENTRANCES WAS A WHITE PICKET FENCE. IT WAS ABOUT THREE AND ONE-HALF FEET HIGH AND MADE OF ONE AND ONE-QUARTER INCH SQUARE PICKETS. CENTERED IN THIS FENCE AND IN LINE WITH THE CHURCH ENTRANCE WAS A WALK-IN GATE. A PIPE FENCE EXTENDED OUTWARDLY FROM THE TWO DRIVE-IN ENTRANCES. IT WAS CONSTRUCTED OF A PAIR OF ONE AND ONE-HALF INCH DIAMETER PIPES SUPPORTED BY ROUND, CEDAR POSTS. THE PIPES PASSED THROUGH TWO HOLES IN THESE POSTS WHICH HAD BEEN DRILLED AT THE PROPER SPACING TO MAKE BOTH AN ATTRACTIVE AND UTILITARIAN FENCE.

JUST INSIDE THE SOUTH ENTRANCE AND EXTENDING SOUTHWARD TO THE EAST END OF THE NEW BARN WAS A HITCHING RACK. THIS RACK WAS CONSTRUCTED OF POSTS SIMILAR TO THOSE USED IN THE FENCE EXCEPT ONLY A SINGLE HOLE WAS DRILLED NEAR THE TOP. A HEAVY CHAIN WAS DRAWN THROUGH THE LINE OF HOLES AND FASTENED ONLY TO THE END POSTS. THIS RACK PROVIDED EASY ACCESS FOR THOSE WHO, IN WARMER WEATHER, FREQUENTLY ATTENDED HALF-DAY SERVICES. THEY COULD TIE THE HORSES AND IN MANY CASES NOT EVEN BOTHER TO UNHITCH. ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE CHURCH AND PARALLEL TO THE FENCE WAS A LONG HITCHING RACK OF SIMILAR CONSTRUCTION. IT WAS BUILT TO ACCOMMODATE FUNERALS AND SELDOM USED OTHERWISE.

THE ENTRANCE GATES, WHICH WERE NORMALLY CLOSED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, ALONG WITH THE STOUT FENCES WOULD OCCASIONALLY HAVE THE TASK OF CONTAINING SOME NEIGHBORING LIVESTOCK THAT HAD BEEN HERDED IN AND LEFT TO "MOW" THE YARD. AT OTHER TIMES THE MOWING WAS PERFORMED BY THOSE, "WHO SAW THE NEED AND FELT THE URGE".

SEVERAL LARGE, SILVER MAPLE TREES FLOURISHED TO THE EAST AND SOUTH OF THE CHURCH. FOR MANY YEARS THEY PROVIDED A MOST WELCOME SHADE DURING HOT SUMMER MONTHS.

HEATING AND INSIDE MAINTENANCE

FOR YEARS RUDOLPH VON BERGEN TOOK CARE OF THE FURNACE DURING THE DAY, LIGHTED THE LAMPS IN THE EVENING, AND PERFORMED THOSE TASKS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO EVERYONE'S COMFORT AND WELL-BEING. A THERMOMETER HUNG FROM THE CEILING OVER THE SPOT WHERE RUDOLPH USUALLY SAT NEAR THE CENTER OF THE ASSEMBLY ROOM. HE COULD THUS EASILY OBSERVE THE TEMPERATURE AND PROPERLY REGULATE THE FURNACE. WHEN ATTENDANCE WAS LARGE, ESPECIALLY DURING EXTREMELY HOT OR COLD WEATHER, IT WAS ALSO NECESSARY FOR HIM TO ADJUST THE WINDOW OPENING TO INSURE ADEQUATE VENTILATION. IN LATER YEARS THIS PARTICULAR TASK SOMEHOW FELL TO ALBERT STEFFEN AND TO THE SAME, HE WAS VERY ATTENTIVE.

RUDOLPH VON BERGEN 1863 - 1939

RUDOLPH VON BERGEN DIES IN SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

RUDOLPH VON BERGEN, HIGHLY ESTEEMED RESIDENT OF THIS CITY AND COMMUNITY DURING THE PAST 48 YEARS, PASSED AWAY AT HIS HOME AT 411 SOUTH FOURTH STREET, MONDAY MORNING AT 10:30 O'CLOCK. HE HAD BEEN IN DECLINING HEALTH FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS.

MR. VON BERGEN WAS BORN AT BERNE, SWITZERLAND, FEBRUARY 5, 1863. HE CAME TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1883, GOING FIRST TO TREMONT, WHERE HE MADE HIS HOME FOR ABOUT EIGHT YEARS. IN 1891 HE CAME TO FAIRBURY AND WAS MARRIED TO MISS BARBARA KILGUS IN 1892. THEY MADE THEIR HOME ON A FARM SOUTH OF FAIRBURY. MRS. VON BERGEN DIED IN 1918.

HE WAS MARRIED TO MRS. EMMA KILGUS IN 1920. HE RETIRED FROM THE FARM AND MADE HIS HOME IN THIS CITY.

HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THREE SISTER: MRS. ANNA PFIESTER, MISS CHRISTINA VON BERGEN AND MISS MARY VON BERGEN, ALL OF MANSFIELD, O.; AND ONE BROTHER, CARL VON BERGEN, OF BREMEN, IND., AND ONE ADOPTED SON, ALBERT VON BERGEN, WHO RESIDES ON THE FARM SOUTHEAST OF THIS CITY.

FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT 1:30 O'CLOCK AT THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH. BURIAL WAS IN GRACELAND CEMETERY.

MR. VON BERGEN'S DEATH IS KEENLY FELT BY HIS MANY FRIENDS IN THIS COMMUNITY. HE WAS A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND FRIEND TO ALL, ALWAYS READY TO LEND A HELPING HAND.

RUDOLPH WAS ALSO ASSISTED BY JOHN MAURER, WILL WAGLER, ED AND WALTER STEFFEN WHO WOULD COME EARLY ON SUNDAY MORNING AND GET A FIRE STARTED TO MAKE THE CHURCH COMFORTABLE.

THESE FOUR DID THE SAME FOR THE MID-WEEK SERVICES IN COLD WEATHER.

AT ONE TIME TWO LADIES BY THE NAME OF WRENSCHI LIVED ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE CHURCH AND THEY WERE HIRED TO DO THE WEEKLY CLEANING. EVENTUALLY, WHEN THEY HAD MOVED AWAY, IT BECAME THE OBLIGATION OF THE FAMILY THAT SERVED THE SUNDAY DINNER TO ALSO DO THE CLEANING EARLIER IN THE WEEK. IN COLD WEATHER IT WAS DONE AFTER THE MID-WEEK AFTERNOON SERVICES WHILE THE CHURCH WAS STILL WARM.

HOUSECLEANING THE CHURCH WAS AN ANNUAL AFFAIR, USUALLY IN THE SPRING, AND ONE IN WHICH MANY OF THE CONGREGATION PARTICIPATED. SEVERAL BUTCHERING KETTLES WERE SET UP IN THE YARD AND STOKED WITH FIREWOOD TO PROVIDE AMPLE HOT WATER.

A CLOCK, LARGE ENOUGH TO BE VISIBLE OVER THE ENTIRE ASSEMBLY ROOM, HUNG ON THE NORTH WALL. WINDING IT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THOSE WHO DID THE "SERVING" EACH WEEK. IT HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO THE CHURCH ABOUT 1900 BY LOUISE WAIBEL PRIOR TO HER MARRIAGE WITH ANDREW STEFFEN.

LOUISE WAIBEL 1871 - 1920

MRS. ANDREW STEFFEN

MRS. ANDREW STEFFEN DIED AT THE KELSO SANITARIUM BLOOMINGTON, SUNDAY FOLLOWING AN OPERATION FOR GOITRE.

LOUISE WAIBEL WAS BORN IN UBENLINGEN, GERMANY, APRIL 19, 1871, AND CAME WITH HER PARENTS TO AMERICA IN 1883, THE FAMILY LOCATING NEAR CROPEY. SHE WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO ANDREW W. STEFFEN IN 1903. SHE LEAVES BY HER DEATH HER HUSBAND, FIVE CHILDREN, SAM, CHRIS, ALPHA, CLARA AND EZRA; FIVE BROTHERS AND SISTERS, FRED, NICHOLAS AND MRS. ROBERT BAHLER, OF REMINGTON, IND., GOTTFRIED, OF FORREST, AND MRS. LOUIS KOEHL, OF THIS CITY.

THE FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD AT THE SOUTH CHRISTIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH AND WERE CONDUCTED BY REV. M. MANGOLD.

THE RELATIVES FROM A DISTANCE WHO ATTENDED THE SERVICES WERE, MR. AND MRS. ROBERT BAHLER AND SON CHRIS AND DAUGHTER TILLIE, MRS. WILLIAM BAHLER, MR. AND MRS. NICHOLAS WAIBEL AND SON GEORGE AND DAUGHTER MINNIE, MR. AND MRS. FRED WAIBEL AND SON AND DAUGHTER, HERMAN AND LOUISE, MR. AND MRS. JOHN CLAUSS, ALVIN CLAUSS, OF REMINGTON, IND.

AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE "SOUTH SIDE" CHURCH, IN 1949. THE CLOCK WAS GIVEN BACK TO A SON OF LOUISE WAIBEL, ALPHA STEFFEN. THE CLOCK HUNG ON HIS WALL UNTO HIS PASSING.

ALPHA STEFFEN 1907 - 2000

ALPHA LOUIS STEFFEN

THE FUNERAL FOR ALPHA LOUIS STEFFEN, 92, OF FAIRBURY WILL BE AT 10 A. M. TODAY AT APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FAIRBURY, WITH MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH OFFICIATING. BURIAL WILL BE IN SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CEMETERY, RURAL FAIRBURY. VISITATION WILL BE FROM 9 TO 9:45 A. M. TODAY AT THE CHURCH. DUFFY-PILS MEMORIAL HOME, FAIRBURY, IS IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

HE DIED AT 3:15 P. M. SATURDAY, OCT. 21, 2000, AT FAIRVIEW HAVEN NURSING HOME, FAIRBURY.

HE WAS BORN NOV. 4, 1907, AT CROPEY, A SON OF ANDREW W. AND LOUISE WAIBEL STEFFEN. HE MARRIED FANNIE MAE ZEHR ON JAN. 3, 1937, AT FAIRBURY. SHE SURVIVES.

ALSO SURVIVING ARE FOUR SONS, HENRY STEFFEN AND J. CHRIS STEFFEN, BOTH OF FAIRBURY; WAYNE STEFFEN, HUDSON; HERBERT STEFFEN, CROPEY; 13 GRANDCHILDREN; AND 18 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

FIVE BROTHERS AND FOUR SISTERS PRECEDED IN DEATH.

MR. STEFFEN FARMED IN THE CROPEY AREA ALL HIS LIFE.

HE WAS A MEMBER OF APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FAIRBURY.

TODAY THE OLD CLOCK HAS BEEN PASSED TO ALPHA'S SON, WAYNE STEFFEN.

NEAR CATASTROPHE

WALTER STEFFEN, FOR A PERIOD OF TIME, PERFORMED THE CHURCH'S JANITORIAL DUTIES AND THE EPISODE WHICH PROBABLY HAPPENED DURING THE WINTER OF 1930. HE LIVED NEARBY

AND ONE WEDNESDAY FORENOON FIRED THE FURNACE AND PREPARED THE CHURCH FOR SERVICES THAT WERE TO BE HELD LATER IN THE DAY.

HE COMPLETED THE TASK AND STARTED TO LEAVE. A GLANCE AT THE STEAM GAUGE WAS REASSURING BUT AS HE WALKED TOWARD THE DOOR, FASTENING HIS COAT AND DONNING MITTENS, THE PENETRATING ODOR OF WOOD SMOKE FILLED HIS NOSTRILS AND ALARMED HIM OF IMPENDING DANGER. A QUICK INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THE SOURCE -- THE WAINSCOTING THAT SURROUNDED THE CHIMNEY IN THE DINING ROOM WAS AFIRE! WITHOUT HESITATION, WALTER RUSHED TO THE BASEMENT AND RETURNED WITH A SHOVEL AND TWO PAILS OF WATER. USING THE SHOVEL AS A LEVER, HE PRIED THE SMOLDERING BOARDS AWAY FROM THE CHIMNEY AND DOUSED THE EXPOSED AREAS WITH WATER. THE FIRE WAS MOMENTARILY EXTINGUISHED AND THE CRISIS OVER. IF HIS DEPARTURE HAD OCCURRED A FEW MINUTES EARLIER, IN ALL PROBABILITY, EVERYTHING WOULD HAVE BEEN CONSUMED.

WALTER STEFFEN 1896 - 1980

HOLD FRIDAY RITES FOR WALTER STEFFEN

WALTER J. STEFFEN, 84, OF 202 S. SIXTH ST., FAIRBURY DIED AT 10:18 A.M. WEDNESDAY OCT. 1 AT FAIRBURY HOSPITAL.

HIS FUNERAL WAS FRIDAY AT FAIRBURY APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH MINISTERS OFFICIATING. BURIAL WAS IN SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CEMETERY.

DUFFY-PILS MEMORIAL HOME WAS IN CHARGE OF THE ARRANGEMENTS.

HE WAS BORN FEB. 1, 1896, IN CROSEY, A SON OF CONRAD AND CATHERINE HARI STEFFEN. HE MARRIED MARTHA R. BAHLER MARCH 7, 1920, IN REMINGTON, IND. SHE SURVIVES.

ALSO SURVIVING ARE A BROTHER, BEN, FAIRBURY; AND FOUR SISTERS, ANNA, MARY, TILLIE AND KATHRYN STEFFEN, ALL OF FAIRBURY.

HE WAS A MEMBER OF FAIRBURY APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, AND WAS A WORLD WAR I VETERAN AND RETIRED FARMER.

ELECTRICITY COMES TO THE CHURCH

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION WITH IT'S ATTENDANT "HIGH LINES" BECAME A REALITY IN THE LATE 1930'S AND DURING THIS SAME TIME THE CHURCH WAS "WIRED" -- POSSIBLY 1938. EVEN THOSE WITH VIVID IMAGINATIONS COULD NOT FORESEE SUCH AN IMPROVEMENT IN ILLUMINATION.

THE OBSOLETE LAMPS AND LANTERNS WERE IMMEDIATELY DISCARDED. HOWEVER, AFTER SEVERAL POWER FAILURES, (AND THEY OCCURRED REPEATEDLY), THE CHURCH PURCHASED AN ALADDIN LAMP. IT WAS FUELED WITH GASOLINE WHICH, UNDER PRESSURE, WAS ATOMIZED INSIDE TWO BURNING MANTLES THUS PROVIDING AN ALTERNATE SOURCE OF LIGHT FOR THE EVENING SERVICES. THIS LAMP WAS TRIMMER, FILLED, PUMPED UP, (A SIMPLE HAND PUMP ACCOMPANIED EACH ONE) AND READY FOR LIGHTING. IT COULD BE PLACED ON THE PULPIT IN A MATTER OF MINUTES AFTER AN INTERRUPTION.

NOT LONG AFTER THE INTRODUCTION OF ELECTRICITY TO THE CHURCH A STOKER WAS INSTALLED IN THE FURNACE. THIS ELIMINATED HAND-FIRING AND RESULTED IN A MORE UNIFORMLY CONTROLLED TEMPERATURE.

BARNS AND HORSES



THE ORIGINAL BARNS WERE BUILT ON THE NORTH AND THE WEST EDGES OF THE CHURCH YARD AND LATER, AS THE MEMBERSHIP INCREASED, MORE WERE ERECTED ALONG THE SOUTH EDGE.

AT THE TIME BEN'S FATHER SOLD HIS IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER AND PURCHASED TWO (NUMBER 19 AND 20) IN THIS NEW, SOUTH SECTION. CAPACITY OF ALL THE BARNs WAS IN EXCESS OF ONE-HUNDRED TEAMS.

AFTER CONSIDERABLE USE, THE OLDEST BARNs -- THOSE ON THE NORTH -- WERE REBUILT. SOMETIME LATER, WHEN THE AUTOMOBILE BECAME DOMINANT, ALL BUT A FEW WERE CONVERTED INTO GARAGES. EVENTUALLY, WHEN SIDE CURTAINS WERE OBSOLETE AND SEDANS OR WINTER TOPS BECAME FASHIONABLE, A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS MERELY DROVE THROUGH THE ENTRANCE AND PARKED; IGNORING THE GARAGES ALTOGETHER. A DECISION WAS THEN MADE TO DISMANTLE THEM ALL, STARTING WITH THOSE ON THE SOUTH AND WEST. BEFORE LONG, THE RECENTLY REBUILT SHELTERS ON THE NORTH MET THE SAME FATE AND THE HITCHING RACKS -- ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE TIMES -- WERE ALSO REMOVED.

COMPILING THIS BOOK HAS BEEN QUITE STIMULATING. DEALING PRIMARILY WITH THE HORSE-AND-BUGGY ERA; A TIME THAT COINCIDED WITH THE IMPRESSIONABLE YEARS OF BEN'S YOUTH, IT HAS SERVED TO MAKE THESE MEMORIES DOUBLY VIVID.

LIKE A FINE WINE, THEY ARE EXCEPTIONALLY CLEAR AND ESPECIALLY ENJOYABLE WHEN SHARED WITH OLD FRIENDS.

BEN ENJOYED RECALLING THOSE SUNDAY PANORAMAS OF CONVERGING VEHICLES -- ALWAYS A DOZEN OR MORE IN VIEW -- AS THEY NAVIGATED THE STRAIGHT ROADS WHICH BOUNDED OUR FLAT, SQUARE-MILE SECTIONS. THEY REMINDED ONE OF SMALL SAILBOATS TACKING AND RUNNING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE NINETY DEGREE ROADS. DUST CLOUDS, DURING THE DRY SEASON, REVEALED THE POSITIONS OF THOSE INTERMITTENTLY HIDDEN BY HEDGE OR CROP. REMEMBER HOW THE HORSES WOULD SNORT AND WHINNY AS THEY RHYTHMICALLY CLOPPED ALONG THE CRUSTED ROADS? OR THE MUFFLED CRUNCH OF HOOF AND WHEEL ON BITTERLY-COLD SNOW? EVEN THE THOUGHT OF GREASY MUD SQUISHING AND SPLATTERING AGAINST THE BUCKBOARD OR CLINGING TO THE SPOKES BRINGS FORTH A NOSTALGIC SIGH.

SOME OF THESE TEAMS WERE BEAUTIFUL TO BEHOLD; MATCHED DRIVERS THAT PRANCED EVER SO BRISKLY; WELL-CURRIED COATS AND OILED HARNESSSES THAT GLISTENED IN THE SUNLIGHT; TAUT LEATHER TRACES HOOKED TO DOUBLETREES THAT SCARCELY WAVERED AS THE STYLISH BLACK CARRIAGES WHEELED MAJESTICALLY ALONGSIDE THE CHURCH "STEPS". WARM HARNESS OIL AND THE STEAM FROM THE HORSES, BOTH A RESULT OF THEIR EXERTION, COMBINED TO PERMEATE THE SURROUNDING AIR WITH AN UNIQUE AROMA THAT CAN ONLY BE RECALLED BY THOSE WHOSE NOSTRILS HAVE SENSED IT FIRSHTHAND. OCCASIONALLY A FRISKY COLT, TOO YOUNG TO LEAVE AT HOME, TRAILED CLOSELY BEHIND. AFTER THE TEAM WAS TIED, THE BARN DOORS WOULD BE RE-OPENED, PERMITTING IT TO NURSE OR FROLIC AMID THE VEHICLES IN THE YARD.

MANY PARISHIONERS DID NOT HAVE SUCH FINE TEAMS AND, AS BEN'S FAMILY, RELIED ON WORK HORSES TO PULL THE BUGGIES. REGARDLESS OF WHAT ONE OWNED, HE WENT THROUGH A SIMILAR ROUTINE IN PREPARING FOR THESE SUNDAY MORNING SOJOURNS; HITCHING UP, MIXING A FEED BAG OF CORN AND OATS, AND STUFFING A LARGE SACK WITH HAY. HAY AND GRAIN WERE PUT ABOARD THE VEHICLE AND FED TO THE HORSES AT NOON. BLANKETS AND FOOT WARMERS HELPED WARD OFF THE BITTER COLD WHEN WINTER WAS SEVERE. THOSE WARMERS MADE OF SOAPSTONE SEEMED TO RETAIN HEAT LONGER -- NO ONE REMEMBERS WHY. AT BEN'S MOTHER'S URGING, ONE OF THE GIRLS WOULD FILL A JUG WITH MILK; A LAST MINUTE RITUAL ON THOSE WEEKS THAT THEY WERE TO ASSIST WITH THE "SERVING". THIS WAS THE SIGNAL THAT STARTING TIME WAS FAST APPROACHING; AWAITING ONLY THAT FINAL WORD, "GIDDAP".

THE CEMETERY

Plat?
THE CEMETERY IS ALSO LOCATED IN SECTION THIRTY-SIX. IT IS ONE-HALF MILE SOUTH AND ONE-HALF MILE WEST OF THE CHURCH SITE AND DIRECTLY ON THE HALF-MILE LINE/ THIS SMALL TRACT, DONATED BY THE SOMMER FAMILY, WAS LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THEIR FARM. THE ACTUAL DATE IT CAME INTO EXISTENCE IS PROBLEMATIC. AN OLD PLATE BOOK PRINTED IN 1876 SHOWS THE CHURCH LOCATION AND STATES THAT IT WAS BUILT IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THE CEMETERY HOWEVER, IS NEITHER REFERRED TO NOR SHOWN; THE OBVIOUS CONCLUSION BEING THAT IT'S INCEPTION WAS LATER THAN 1876.

AN AREA IN THE CHURCH YARD WAS ORIGINALLY DESIGNATED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IT WAS NORTH OF THE CHURCH PROPER, JUST INSIDE THE EAST FENCE AND ADJACENT TO THE BARN. THE FIRST BURIALS, BECAUSE OF THEIR PROXIMITY TO THE NEIGHBORS ACROSS THE ROAD, INCURRED THEIR OBJECTIONS AND PROBABLY MOTIVATED PETER SOMMER TO DONATE THE AFOREMENTIONED TRACT.

NO RECORD EXISTS TO IDENTIFY THE OCCUPANTS OF THESE FEW GRAVES AND EVEN THEIR LOCATION HAS NOW BEEN OBLITERATED BY CONSTANT TILLING OF THE SOIL. THIS DESECRATION BY THE PLOW AND THE REAPER ENCOURAGES ONE TO QUESTION THE WISDOM OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE. THE "ABANDONMENT" IF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS IS UNDERSTANDABLE -- BUT NOT OF THESE EARLY FOUNDERS AND MEMBERS.

THE "SOUTH SIDE" CHURCH CEMETERY

ROW 1

1. CONRAD WENGER SR.	B. 1808	D. 1888
2. MAGDALENE WENGER	B. 1811	D. 1893
3. MARGARET SCHINI ROTH	B. AUG. 16, 1865	D. OCT. 6, 1895
4. ANNA ZEHR	B. SEPT. 29, 1844	D. DEC. 31, 1895
5. NANCY BECKLEY	B. APR. 1, 1870	D. MAR. 22, 1896
6. URSULA KIEFER	B. APR. 20, 1850	D. JUN. 24, 1896
7. EMMA G. BITTNER	B. OCT. 10, 1882	D. OCT. 11, 1896
8. JOSEPHINE WAIBEL	B. 1827	D. 1896
9. STEPHANE BILLER	B. 1827	D. 1897
10. SALOME KELLER SOHN	B. JUL. 11, 1836	D. NOV. 10, 1898
11. VALENTINE BITTNER	B. DEC. 10, 1846	D. MAY 22, 1899
12. SALOME BITTNER	B. JUN. 10, 1855	D. MAY 18, 1938
13. CAROLINE HUBER	B. 1861	D. 1900
14. KATHRINA STORTZ	B. 1858	D. 1900
15. PETER D. FARNEY	B. 1882	D. 1900
LYDIA M. FARNEY	B. 1879	D. 1900
16. MARGARET WANNER	B. 1863	D. 1901
17. JOSEPH BELLA	B. FEB. 18, 1812	D. JAN. 31, 1902
18. ANNA STEFFEN	B. FEB. 18, 1835	D. MAR. 27, 1902
19. LYDIA GRIEDER STEFFEN	B. FEB. 1, 1867	D. JUN. 20, 1902
20. ELIZABETH STEFFEN	B. 1859	D. 1912
21. ELIZABETH HARI	B. OCT. 5, 1833	D. JAN. 1, 1905
22. FRIEDRICH HARI	B. AUG. 12, 1830	D. DEC. 13, 1909
23. SARAH ZIMMERMAN	B. 1828	D. 1909
24. JOHN ZIMMERMAN	B. 1825	D. 1910
25. CHRISTIAN GERBER	B. DEC. 12, 1847	D. JUL. 14, 1910
BARBARA GERBER	B. MAY 2, 1847	D. JAN. 23, 1926
26. LOIS L. HARTMAN	B. 1887	D. 1910
27. LYDIA E. ROTH	B. OCT. 4, 1890	D. MAY 25, 1911

28. MARY HARTMAN	B. 1865	D. 1911
29. ULRICH STEFFEN	B. SEPT. 20, 1835	D. JAN. 28, 1913
30. ELMER A STEFFEN	B. 1896	D. 1919
31. NETTIE E ROTH	B. FEB. 11, 1898	D. MAR. 1, 1919
32. LOUISE WAIBEL STEFFEN	B. 1871	D. 1920
33. CONRAD STEFFEN	B. NOV. 24, 1869	D. JAN. 17, 1922
34. SAMUEL L. ROTH	B. 1859	D. 1927
ROSA HARI ROTH	B. 1871	D. 1965

ROW 2

1. LYDIA SCHROCK ROTH	B. AUG. 21, 1857	D. MAY 25, 1885
2. ANDREW ROTH	B. 1811	D. FEB. 23, 1886
3. SUSANNA HUBER	(BROKEN STONE)	
4. MARY WIEDRICH	B. SEPT. 10, 1874	D. FEB. 23, 1901
5. JOHN MAURER	B. 1819	D. 1902
6. SARAH F. SUTTER	B. JUL. 25, 1883	D. NOV. 6, 1903
7. ROSINA SCHUCHERT	B. DEC. 25, 1875	D. MAR. 22, 1904
8. MAGDALENA MAURER	B. 1827	D. 1906
9. MARGARET PETER	B. 1838	D. 1912
10. ALEX STEIDINGER	B. 1865	D. 1950
SARAH STEIDINGER	B. 1870	D. 1912
11. PHILIP SOHN	B. 1857	D. 1912
ELISE SOHN	B. 1860	D. 1943
12. CHRISTINA KAEB	B. JUL. 13, 1877	D. DEC. 13, 1915
13. MARIA BAER	B. JUL. 15, 1861	D. JAN. 17, 1917
14. MARY ADAM	B. 1892	D. 1917
15. CHRISTIANE PETER	B. NOV. 12, 1841	D. AUG. 4, 1920
16. SALOME SOHN RIEGER	B. 1885	D. 1920
17. JACOB ZEHR	B. JUL. 25, 1836	D. MAY 12, 1922
18. EDWARD HONEGGER	B. DEC. 30, 1861	D. APR. 26, 1925
19. SARAH ZIMMERMAN	B. JUN. 28, 1865	D. MAR. 28, 1927
20. LOUISE E. STEFFEN	B. 1895	D. 1930
21. BERTHA HONEGGER	B. MAR. 22, 1860	D. NOV. 22, 1940

ROW 3

1. JACOB KELLER		D. MAR. 6, 1884
2. ELIZABETH KOEHL	B. 1859	D. 1890
3. PHILIPP SOHN	B. AUG. 13, 1826	D. MAR. 22, 1891
4. SUSANNA IFFT	B. 1861	D. 1893
5. SALOME IFFT	B. 1864	D. 1897
6. MAGARET TRAUB	B. OCT. 14, 1870	D. SEPT. 26, 1902
7. ALVIE HONEGGER	B. FEB. 24, 1894	D. OCT. 11, 1918
8. WILHELM KAISNER	B. JUN. 3, 1889	D. OCT. 26, 1918
9. BARBARA SCHINI	B. JUL. 1, 1834	D. NOV. 17, 1918
10. CHRISTIAN HOERR	B. 1869	D. 1919
11. CARL E. HOERR	B. 1898	D. 1919
12. ELIZABETH HANNIE	B. APR. 16, 1845	D. FEB. 14, 1919
13. CHRISTIAN HANNIE	B. APR. 16, 1876	D. JAN. 27, 1920
14. FRANCES HANNIE	B. FEB. 20, 1885	D. FEB. 1, 1920
15. MARGARET M. HANNIE	B. 1815	D. 1927
16. LENA BROQUARD ZEHR	B. OCT. 16, 1874	D. JUL. 25, 1930
17. LEONA C. LEMAN	B. FEB. 19, 1921	D. DEC. 23, 1933
18. RAYMOND C. ZEHR	B. AUG. 3, 1911	D. MAR. 6, 1934

19. ANNA ZEHR BROQUARD
20. SAMUEL ZEHR

B. 1871
B. FEB. 27, 1867

D. 1934
D. MAY 10, 1937

ROW 4

1. NICKOLAUS BITTNER
2. MATT STEIDINGER
3. MATILDA MAIER
4. WALTER H. BITTNER
5. EDDIE HONEGGER
6. ETHEL ZIMMERMAN
7. EDWARD R. LEHMANN
8. CLARENCE KAISNER
9. HARVEY H. KIEFER
10. BABY BOY KIEFER
11. DENNIS FRIEDMAN
12. ELMER HANNIE
13. BURNELL E. ZIMMERMAN
14. JOHN HANNI
15. NICHOLAS ALT
16. GEORGE KIEFER
17. WILLIAM J. TRAUB
18. ROY LAVERN ZEHR
19. ANNA MARIE BACHTOLD
20. ANDREW LEHMANN
MARY KILGUS LEHMANN

B. DEC. 12, 1829
B. JUN. 28, 1899
B. FEB. 2, 1888
B. APR. 12, 1903
B. 1907
B. AUG. 28, 1913
B. 1913
B. NOV. 30, 1917

B. 1923
B. DEC. 13, 1903

B. JUN. 2, 1901
B. 1850
B. SEPT. 6, 1883
B. 1900
B. 1935
B. 1932
B. NOV. 21, 1869
B. MAR. 15, 1875

D. JUL. 31, 1881
D. FEB. 7, 1882
D. MAR. 30, 1900
D. JAN. 25, 1901
D. JUL. 25, 1914
D. 1916
D. OCT. 27, 1918
D. 1921
D. DEC. 5, 1922
D. NOV. 23, 1923
D. 1924
D. JAN. 27, 1925
D. AUG. 13, 1926
D. OCT. 12, 1928
D. 1932
D. AUG. 17, 1932
D. 1935
D. 1936
D. 1936
D. JUL. 7, 1944
D. MAR. 4, 1937

ROW 5

1. BEN NUSSBAUM
2. MATILDA SOHN
ALPHIA SOHN
JOSEPH SOHN
3. LILLIAN A. BITTNER
4. MATILDA KIEFER
5. BENJAMIN KIEFER
6. JOSHUA KIEFER
7. SAMUEL KIEFER
8. ALBERT BAHLER
9. CARL TRAUB
10. SILAS B. LEMAN
11. CARL H. TRAUB
12. DANIEL ZIMMERMAN
13. JACOB CLAUSS
14. LUDWIG TRAUB
15. RALPH H. STEFFEN
16. EDWARD ZEHR
EMMA ZEHR
17. CARL RAPP
18. DONALD EUGENE KOEHL
19. ALBERT J. VON BERGEN JR.
20. NANCY JO KOEHL

B. 1878
B. MAR. 24, 1883
B. JAN. 4, 1885
B. AUG. 21, 1888
B. APR. 26, 1884
B. APR. 3, 1892
B. DEC. 7, 1886
B. JUN. 17, 1888
B. SEPT. 17, 1881

B. SEPT. 17, 1902
B. DEC. 23, 1906
B. APR. 26, 1906
B. SEPT. 16, 1907
B. APR. 8, 1908
B. AUG. 24, 1910
B. DEC. 10, 1916
B. MAR. 2, 1920
B. MAR. 31, 1917
B. JUN. 16, 1920

B. DEC. 22, 1933
B. NOV. 19, 1951

D. 1886
D. DEC. 6, 1888
D. DEC. 5, 1888
D. DEC. 30, 1888
D. DEC. 25, 1888
D. AUG. 4, 1897
D. AUG. 12, 1897
D. AUG. 27, 1897
D. AUG. 21, 1897
D. JUL. 1, 1902
D. NOV. 8, 1903
D. JAN. 17, 1907
D. MAR. 25, 1907
D. SEPT. 19, 1907
D. APR. 12, 1908
D. DEC. 11, 1910
DEC. 13, 1916
D. MAR. 5, 1920
D. MAR. 29, 1919
D. JUN. 19, 1920
D. AUG. 17, 1922
D. SEPT. 30, 1934
D. MAR. 28, 1952

ROW 6



1. DANIEL GERBER	B. AUG. 26, 1873	D. MAR. 18, 1880
2. CHRISTIAN GERBER	B. FEB. 18, 1889	D. OCT. 21, 1892
SARAH GERBER	B. SEPT. 12, 1881	D. OCT. 24, 1892
JOSHUA GERBER	B. SEPT. 22, 1891	D. NOV. 8, 1892
RACHEL GERBER	B. MAR. 5, 1893	D. APR. 19 1893
3. JOSEPH GERBER	B. DEC. 19, 1879	D. DEC. 9, 1880
4. KARL SCHWING	B. 1813	D. 1880
5. LYDIA GERBER	B. DEC. 29, 1879	D. MAR. 18, 1882
6. ANNA ROTH	B. 1818	D. JUN. 9, 1884
7. LOUISE HOFFMANN	B. NOV. 25, 1875	D. DEC. 4, 1884
8. EMMA HUBER	B. MAY 8, 1885	D. JAN. 1, 1893
9. CHRISTIAN BAHLER	(UNREADABLE)	(UNREADABLE)
10. BENJAMIN SCHARLACH	B. 1894	D. 1896
11. LILLY & TILLIE AELLIG	B. 1902	D. 1902
12. EDWIN HOERR	(UNREADABLE)	(UNREADABLE)
EDWARD HOERR		
13. CLARANCE & RUTH STEIDINGER	B. JAN. 1, 1907	D. JAN. 2, 1907
14. HELEN LOUISE AELLIG	B. JUN. 30, 1908	D. SEPT. 16, 1908
15. ELLA M. SUTTER	B. FEB. 20, 1911	D. JUN. 5, 1911
16. EMIL HOERR	B. FEB. 25, 1912	D. MAR. 7, 1912
17. MARY HOERR	B. MAR. 9, 1913	D. MAR. 11, 1913
18. EMIL B. HOERR	B. MAR. 16, 1920	D. MAR. 17, 1920
19. ELDON WAYNE ZIMMERMAN	B. 1932	D. 1932

ROW 7

1. EDWARD E. FARNEY	B. AUG. 1, 1875	D. APR. 11, 1902
2. WALTER FARNEY	B. MAY 31, 1888	D. MAY 24, 1906
3. CASPER GALLE	B. APR. __, 182_	D. APR. __, 1907
4. HARRY STREITMATTER	B. 1891	D. 1966
ELISE STREITMATTER	B. 1892	D. 1963
5. WALTER F. GACHUS	B. 1916	D. 1993
6. PRISCILLA SOHN	B. MAR. 11, 1905	D. AUG. 16, 1986
7. MARTHA SOHN	B. JUL. 24, 1898	D. JUN. 28, 1962
8. BENJAMIN V. SOHN	B. FEB. 14, 1896	D. MAR. 15, 1960
9. SAM MAIER	B. 1896	D. 1980
LYDIA MAIER	B. 1902	D. 1969
10. BETSY E. MAIER	B. AUG. 10, 1961	D. AUG. 12, 1961
11. ANDREW F. LEHMANN	B. AUG. 13, 1924	D. JUL. 11, 1993
12. ANDREW LEHMANN	B. 1899	D. 1980
EDNA V. LEHMANN	B. 1903	D. 1956
13. GUSTAV BACHTOLD	B. 1877	D. 1976
CHRISTINA BACHTOLD	B. 1878	D. 1948
14. JOSEPH ZEHR	B. 1888	D. 1948
KATIE ZEHR	B. 1880	D. 1976
15. MARY LEUTOLD	B. AUG. 1, 1861	D. MAR. 3, 1955
16. CATHERINE STEFFEN	B. MAR. 12, 1869	APR. 9, 1952
17. GOTTLIEB C. HARI	B. MAR. 4, 1874	D. SEPT. 23, 1958
LENA L. HARI	B. DEC. 22, 1874	D. JUN. 27, 1947
18. CARL HUBER	B. 1867	D. 1953
MINNIE HUBER	B. 1872	D. 1944
19. JOSEPH W. PATERNOSTER	B. 1877	D. 1944
MINNIE C. PATERNOSTER	B. 1886	D. 1960
20. ALBERT STEFFEN	B. 1863	D. 1948
LIZZIE STEFFEN	B. 1872	D. 1950

21. ANDREW STEFFEN	B. 1867	D. 1942
MARY STEFFEN	B. 1871	D. 1956
22. LESTER WILLIAM BACHTOLD	B. 1905	D. 1941
23. JACOB KAISNER	B. 1880	D. 1959
24. MINNIE KAISNER	B. 1884	D. 1939
25. ADAM KAISNER	B. 1886	D. 1938
MATILDA KAISNER	B. 1891	D. 1974

ROW 8

1. ESTHER L. KIEFER		D. MAY 30, 1916
2. LYDIA KIEFER	B. APR. 10, 1883	D. AUG. 12, 1959
3. BENA V. LEHMANN	B. 1910	D. 1971
4. WILLIAM U. BACHTOLD	B. 1875	D. 1959
IDA BACHTOLD	B. 1880	D. 1962
5. JULIE KAY KUPFERSCHMID		D. JUL. 14, 1958
6. HARRY BENJAMIN ZEHR	B. AUG. 24, 1918	D. FEB. 19, 1972
7. TILLIE STEFFEN	B. JAN. 19, 1904	D. JUL. 16, 1987
KATHRYN STEFFEN	B. JUL. 23, 1909	D. JAN. 1, 1995
8. ROSA M. HARI	B. DEC. 8, 1908	D. MAR. 31, 1988
IDA D. HARI	B. APR. 1, 1912	
9. BENJAMIN C. HUBER	B. NOV. 3, 1915	D. MAY 19, 1980
CLARA HUBER	B. OCT. 15, 1912	
10. DELORES M. HUBER	B. SEPT. 25, 1949	D. NOV. 25, 1950
11. IRVIN BACHTOLD	B. AUG. 27, 1937	D. JUL. 13, 1956
12. MICHAEL C. ZIMMERMAN	B. 1904	D. 1956
13. MARTHA KAISNER	B. 1913	D. 1955
14. GEORGE ZIMMERMAN	B. 1897	D. 1988
MARGARET ZIMMERMAN	B. 1894	D. 1954
15. ANDREW RIEGER	B. 1890	D. 1951
MARTHA RIEGER	B. 1889	D. 1971
16. LILLIAN A. ZIMMERMAN	B. FEB. 20, 1902	D. APR. 15, 1991
LAURA S. ZIMMERMAN	B. MAR. 29, 1900	D. APR. 8, 1976
17. JOHN A ZIMMERMAN	B. DEC. 23, 1858	D. NOV. 3, 1949
18. BEN LEMAN	B. 1878	D. 1948
CARRIE LEMAN	B. 1879	D. 1968

ROW 9

1. EDWIN STREITMATTER	B. 1917	
MARY STREITMATTER	B. 1928	
2. RACHEL SUE LENZ	B. AUG. 14, 1975	D. AUG. 15, 1975
3. ELVEN RICHARDSON	B. 1926	D. 1969
LUCILLE RICHARDSON	B. 1926	
4. CARL WIDMER	B. 1886	D. 1969
MARTHA WIDMER	B. 1898	D. 1971
5. SAM A. ZEHR	B. AUG. 15, 1905	D. JUN. 23, 1972
LYDIA M. ZEHR	B. JUL. 24, 1905	D. JAN. 5, 1988
6. CHRIS S. GERBER	B. 1888	D. 1971
LAURA GERBER	B. 1890	D. 1960
LYDIA GERBER	B. 1882	D. 1983
7. SAM IFFT	B. 1890	D. 1961
ROSA A. IFFT	B. 1890	D. 1961
8. MARY STEFFEN	B. AUG. 8, 1901	D. JAN. 2, 1989
ANNA STEFFEN	B. AUG. 6, 1898	D. JAN. 6, 1990

9. BEN STEFFEN	B. MAR. 19, 1906	D. NOV. 14, 1993
NINA STEFFEN	B. AUG. 27, 1903	D. MAR. 26, 1997
10. WALTER STEFFEN	B. FEB. 1, 1896	D. OCT. 1, 1980
MARTHA STEFFEN	B. JUN. 17, 1893	D. APR. 10, 1989
11. SILAS CLAUSS	B. 1892	D. 1985
LENA PETER CLAUSS	B. 1899	D. 1980
HARLAN E. CLAUSS	B. 1937	D. 1958
12. MARY ROTH	B. APR. 11, 1892	D. MAY 14, 1958
13. ANNA ROTH	B. 1888	D. 1980
CATHERINE ROTH	B. 1883	D. 1966
14. EMIL BAHLER	B. 1891	D. 1959
IDA E. BAHLER	B. 1893	D. 1980

ROW 10

1. KRISTIE KAY KUPFERSCHMID	B. 1968	D. 1969
2. GARY A. KUPFERSCHMID	B. AUG. 10, 1950	D. JUL. 21, 1973
BECKY K. KUPFERSCHMID	B. SEPT. 14, 1950	D. AUG. 20, 1973
3. WILLIAM R. KUPFERSCHMID	B. FEB. 24, 1916	D. AUG. 27, 1980
NETTIE B. KUPFERSCHMID	B. MAY 17, 1911	
4. LLOYD W. BACHTOLD	B. APR. 22, 1934	
VIOLA M. BACHTOLD	B. FEB. 5, 1933	D. DEC. 27, 1995
5. EZRA STEFFEN	B. APR. 6, 1911	D. SEPT. 22, 1999
ALDINE STEFFEN	B. OCT. 9, 1915	
6. CHRIS STEFFEN	B. 1906	D. 1971
IDA STEFFEN	B. 1909	D. 1996
7. EMIL SOHN	B. 1904	D. 1987
ANITA SOHN	B. 1910	D. 1991
8. HELEN SOHN	B. 1908	D. 1999
LOUISE SOHN	B. 1907	D. 1993
9. ANNIE SOHN	B. JUN. 9, 1875	D. NOV. 7, 1967
10. CARL SOHN	B. DEC. 3, 1902	D. JUL. 30, 1963
LYDIA SOHN	B. APR. 20, 1907	D. SEPT. 26, 1995
11. LYDIA T. STEFFEN BACHTOLD	B. MAY 26, 1898	D. DEC. 2, 1994
12. LENA STEFFEN	B. JUN. 11, 1893	D. JAN. 21, 1992
CLARA STEFFEN	B. APR. 15, 1909	D. OCT. 8, 1974
13. EDWARD D. STEFFEN	B. 1891	D. 1962
ROSE R. STEFFEN	B. 1886	D. 1969
14. ALPHA STEFFEN	B. NOV. 4, 1907	D. OCT. 21, 2000
FANNIE STEFFEN	B. DEC. 3, 1912	
15. BENA BROQUARD	B. MAR. 22, 1882	D. SEPT. 19, 1973
LENA ZEHR	B. OCT. 13, 1901	D. OCT. 20, 2001
CLARA ZEHR	B. JAN. 3, 1899	D. SEPT. 23, 1984

HEARSE, FUNERALS, ETC.

ALL THREE CHURCHES ("NORTH SIDE", FAIRBURY, AND THE "SOUTH SIDE") POSSESSED HORSE-DRAWN HEARSE AND BEN REMEMBERED QUITE WELL THOSE THREE CONSECUTIVELY OWNED BY THE LATTER. THE FIRST WAS A COMPLETELY OPEN BUGGY AND MIGHT AS WELL HAVE BEEN CALLED A SPRING WAGON. A BUILDING FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF SHELTERING IT WAS ERECTED ON THE CEMETERY GROUNDS NEAR THE ENTRANCE.

NUMBER TWO WAS SIMILAR EXCEPT THE COFFIN WAS SHROUDED IN A BOX-LIKE STRUCTURE DIRECTLY BEHIND THE DRIVER. THIS AUSTERE, BLACK ENCLOSURE, THOUGH WINDOWLESS, HAD DOUBLE DOOR AT THE REAR TO FACILITATE LOADING AND UNLOADING. THESE DOORS

HIGH ENOUGH TO CLEAR THE CASKET, HINGED OUTWARDLY FROM THE CENTER. IT WAS A SIMPLE AND PRACTICAL HEARSE; TRULY SYMBOLIZING THE RELIGIOUS ORDER IT SERVED.

THE THIRD WAS PURCHASED IN 1914 FROM SAM STOLLER OF THE FAIRBURY CARRIAGE COMPANY. IT WAS STURDILY BUILT WITH LARGE, SIDE WINDOWS AND LANTERNS WHICH HELPED TO DISPEL THE GLOOMINESS SO CHARACTERISTIC OF THESE VEHICLES. THOUGH QUITE MODERN, IT STILL AFFORDED NO PROTECTION FOR THE DRIVER AND, SINCE DEATH IS NO RESPECTER OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, HE OCCASIONALLY SUFFERED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES. SAM STEFFEN RECALLED THAT HE WAS THE DRIVER OF THIS CONVEYANCE ON ITS' FINAL PROCESSION; A FUNERAL ON FEBRUARY 7TH 1925 WHICH, INCIDENTALLY, BEN ATTENDED. A MAGNIFICENT PAIR OF BLACK DRIVERS BELONGING TO SAM'S FATHER WAS THE PULLING TEAM.

THE LAST FUNERAL WITH THE HORSE-DRAWN HEARSE

ELMER HANNIE

ELMER HANNIE, SON OF MRS. LENA HANNIE RESIDING SEVEN MILES SOUTHWEST OF TOWN, DIED AT THE FAIRBURY HOSPITAL TUESDAY MORNING ABOUT FIVE O'CLOCK. HE HAD UNDERGONE AN OPERATION FOR APPENDICITIS THE 13TH OF THIS MONTH. LATER PNEUMONIA DEVELOPED AND THIS TOGETHER WITH OTHER COMPLICATIONS CAUSED HIS DEATH.

THE DECEASED HAD RESIDED HERE ALL HIS LIFE. HE WAS BORN DECEMBER 13, 1903, AND AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH WAS AGED 21 YEARS, 1 MONTH AND 14 DAYS. SURVIVING HIM ARE HIS MOTHER, SEVEN SISTERS AND ONE BROTHER, AS FOLLOWS: CLARA, DELLA, CELIA, VIOLA, IDA, LYDIA, ESTHER AND JOHN. HIS FATHER, JOHN HANNIE, PASSED AWAY TWELVE YEARS AGO.

THE DECEASED WAS A YOUNG MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, AND WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY HIS MANY FRIENDS AS WELL AS IN THE HOME.

THE FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD YESTERDAY FROM THE SOUTH CHRISTIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH.

TRANSPORTATION THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH'S EXISTENCE HAD IT'S FUNERAL COUNTERPART. WHETHER IT WAS FLATBED WAGON, BUGGY, CARRIAGE, OR CAR; THIS HAS HELD TRUE. BEN REMARKED EARLIER ABOUT ONE EXAMPLE; THE RESEMBLANCE OF THE SPRING WAGON TO THE OPEN HEARSE. THE AUTO HEARSE, A MODIFIED AUTOMOBILE IS ANOTHER AND IT'S ACCEPTANCE WAS ACCELERATED BY ENTERPRISING MORTICIANS WHO PROVIDED THESE MOTORIZED VEHICLES AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THEIR SERVICES. THE CHURCH SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED THIS PROCEDURE AND CONFIRMED THE DECISION BY DISPOSING OF IT'S OWN HEARSE AND THE NO-LONGER-NEEDED, CEMETERY SHELTER.

DURING THE FIRST FUNERAL SERVICES, THE BODY REPOSED IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM AND REMAINED THERE FOR VIEWING. SOMETIME LATER THIS PRACTICE WAS REVISED AND IT THEN LAY IN THE CHURCH HALL, ALWAYS UNDER THE CONSTANT VIGIL OF SEVERAL ATTENDANTS. THIS HALL WAS QUITE SPACIOUS AS IT EXTENDED ACROSS THE FULL WIDTH OF THE BUILDINGS. THE CASKET WAS ALWAYS RE-OPENED AT THE CEMETERY AND REMAINED SO THROUGHOUT THE SONG AND PRAYER WHICH INVARIABLY CONCLUDED THAT CEREMONY.

AT FIRST, ALL INTERMENTS WERE IN A SINGLE ROW AND SIDE BY SIDE, IRRESPECTIVE OF ANY FAMILY RELATIONSHIP. THIS PRAGMATIC SYSTEM WAS NOT TOO POPULAR AND ABOUT 1910 IT WAS REVISED SO THAT THE HUSBAND, WIFE, OR OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS MIGHT RESERVE COMMON SPACE. AT PRESENT THE CEMETERY IS ALMOST COMPLETELY PARCELED INTO FAMILY PLOTS. IT'S ATTRACTIVENESS ATTESTS TO THE DILIGENCE AND EFFORTS OF THE MEN WHO

LIVED NEARBY. THEY ATTENDED TO THE MOWING, TRIMMING, DIGGING, AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS WITHOUT MATERIAL REWARD. AS FAR BACK AS BEN'S MEMORY PERMITTED, THE FOLLOWING HAVE ACCEPTED THAT RESPONSIBILITY:

JOHN HOERR 1872 - 1959

JOHN HOERR DIES AT PEORIA

FINAL RITES FOR JOHN HOERR, SR., 86, OF PEORIA, WHO FORMERLY FARMED IN FAIRBURY AREA WAS CONDUCTED IN PEORIA SATURDAY AFTER NOON FROM THE WILSON MORTUARY AND THE SHERIDAN ROAD APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH. BURIAL WAS IN THE SPRINGDALE CEMETERY THERE.

MR. HOERR HAD DIED AT THE ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL IN PEORIA AT 8:10 P. M. FEB. 11

WELL KNOWN LOCALLY, MR. HOERR WHO HAD FARMED IN BOTH THE FAIRBURY AND MORTON AREAS, RETIRED FROM FARMING IN 1922 AND WORKED AS A GARDNER.

HE WAS BORN AT PFORZHEIM, BADEN, GERMANY NOV. 20, 1872, THE SON OF PETER AND KAROLINA FLIER HOERR. HE CAME TO AMERICA IN 1889.

MR. HOERR MARRIED MARY RAPP JAN. 27, 1895/ SHE DIED IN PEORIA IN 1927 AND HE MARRIED BERTHA RAPP NOV. 1, 1930. SHE DIED IN 1957.

A MEMBER OF THE SHERIDAN ROAD APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH. MR. HOERR FORMERLY WAS A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER THERE AND ALSO WAS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

SURVIVING ARE SIX CHILDREN BY HIS FIRST MARRIAGE, EDWARD, JOHN, DAVID, ALFRED AND PETER HOERR, ALL OF PEORIA, AND MRS. MARIE SCHUMACHER, OF MORTON; 18 GRANDCHILDREN AND 37 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.

THREE DAUGHTERS, ONE SON, ONE SISTER AND TWO BROTHERS PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH.

ALFRED RAPP 1886 - 1970

ALFRED RAPP SR. DIES AT AGE 84

ALFRED E. RAPP SR., 84, OF 1209 E. MAYWOOD AVE., DIED AT 11:30 P. M. SATURDAY AT HIS SON'S HOME IN DECATUR.

BORN IN HEIDLEBERG, GERMANY, JAN. 15, 1886, HE WAS A SON OF KARL AND THERESA BECK RAPP, AND WAS MARRIED TO JOHANNA KUJLSTAPPER. A RESIDENT OF PEORIA SINCE 1922, HE WAS A RETIRED FARMER AND FORMER CATERPILLAR TRACTOR CO. EMPLOYEE.

MR. RAPP WAS A MEMBER OF SHERIDAN ROAD APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

SURVIVING ARE HIS WIFE; ONE SON HERBERT C. RAPP, OF DECATUR, AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. TWO SONS, THREE BROTHERS AND SIX SISTERS PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH.

SERVICES WILL BE AT 10:30 A. M. TOMORROW IN SHERIDAN ROAD APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH WITH THE REV, MICHAEL WEYENETH OFFICIATING. BURIAL WILL BE IN SPRINGDALE CEMETERY.

FRIENDS MAY CALL AT GAUSS MEMORIAL CHAPEL 6 TO 9 TONIGHT AND IN THE CHURCH TOMORROW ONE HOUR PRIOR TO SERVICES.

ED STEFFEN 1891 - 1962

ED STEFFEN SERVICES SUN.

EDWARD D. STEFFEN, 70, DIED AT 7:30 A. M. FRIDAY AT FAIRBURY HOSPITAL WHERE HE HAD BEEN A PATIENT FOR A MONTH.

HE WAS BORN DECEMBER 24, 1891 AT CROPSY, A SON OF ANDREW AND LYDIA GRIDER STEFFEN. HE MARRIED LOUISE STREITMATTER. SHE DIED IN 1930. ON OCTOBER 20, 1940, HE MARRIED ROSA RIEGER IN FAIRBURY. THEY FARMED SOUTH OF FAIRBURY UNTIL 1948, WHEN THEY MOVED TO TOWN.

SURVIVING ARE HIS WIFE, FOUR SONS, EDWARD, WASHINGTON; ELMER, MIAMI, IA.; HERMAN, MIAMI SPRINGS, FLA.; RAY, FORREST; A DAUGHTER, MRS. EDITH ZIMMERMAN, FAIRBURY; FIVE BROTHER, ANDREW, SAM, CHRIS, FAIRBURY; ALPHA AND EZRA, CROPSY; FOUR SISTER, MISS LENA AND MISS CLARA STEFFEN, MRS. LYDIA BACHTOLD, FAIRBURY; MRS. LOUISE SABO, MANSFIELD, OHIO; AND 12 GRANDCHILDREN.

FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD AT 12:30 P. M. SUNDAY AT THE COOK FUNERAL HOME AND AT 1 P. M. AT THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH. INTERMENT WAS IN THE SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CEMETERY.

THE BEARERS WERE RAY SABO, MANSFIELD, OHIO; WAYNE STEFFEN, FORREST; DALE STEFFEN, CROPSY; LLOYD BACHTOLD, EARL STEFFEN AND EMANUEL STEFFEN, ALL OF FAIRBURY.

HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

ALPHA STEFFEN 1907 - 2000

ALPHA LOUIS STEFFEN

THE FUNERAL FOR ALPHA LOUIS STEFFEN, 92, OF FAIRBURY WILL BE AT 10 A. M. TODAY AT APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FAIRBURY, WITH MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH OFFICIATING. BURIAL WILL BE IN SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CEMETERY, RURAL FAIRBURY. VISITATION WILL BE FROM 9 TO 9:45 A. M. TODAY AT THE CHURCH. DUFFY-PILS MEMORIAL HOME, FAIRBURY, IS IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

HE DIED AT 3:15 P. M. SATURDAY, OCT. 21, 2000, AT FAIRVIEW HAVEN NURSING HOME, FAIRBURY.

HE WAS BORN NOV. 4, 1907, AT CROPSY, A SON OF ANDREW W. AND LOUISE WAIBEL STEFFEN. HE MARRIED FANNIE MAE ZEHR ON JAN. 3, 1937, AT FAIRBURY. SHE SURVIVES.

ALSO SURVIVING ARE FOUR SONS, HENRY STEFFEN AND J. CHRIS STEFFEN, BOTH OF FAIRBURY; WAYNE STEFFEN, HUDSON; HERBERT STEFFEN, CROPSY; 13 GRANDCHILDREN; AND 18 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

FIVE BROTHERS AND FOUR SISTERS PRECEDED IN DEATH.

MR. STEFFEN FARMED IN THE CROPSY AREA ALL HIS LIFE.

HE WAS A MEMBER OF APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FAIRBURY.

SAM ZEHR, JR. 1905 - 1972

HOLD RITES MONDAY FOR SAM ZEHR, 66

SAM A. ZEHR, 66, FAIRBURY, DIED AT 1:30 P. M. FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1972, AT CARLE FOUNDATION HOSPITAL, URBANA, OF A MASSIVE CEREBRAL HEMORRHAGE. HE HAD BEEN ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL AT 11:30 A. M., AFTER BECOMING ILL A FEW HOURS EARLIER.

HIS FUNERAL WAS HELD AT 10 A. M. MONDAY, JUNE 26, 1972, AT THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH WITH THE CHURCH MINISTERS OFFICIATING. BURIAL WAS IN THE SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CEMETERY, OF WHICH HE SERVED AS TRUSTEE FOR MANY YEARS. STIVER HOME FOR FUNERALS WAS IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS. VISITATION WAS HELD THERE ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

HE WAS BORN AUGUST 15, 1905 NEAR FAIRBURY, A SON OF SAMUEL AND LENA BROQUARD ZEHR. HE ATTENDED RURAL SCHOOLS AND WAS MARRIED TO LYDIA M. WAIBEL, OF REMINGTON, IND., ON JANUARY 25, 1933, AT PONTIAC. HE LIVED ON THE FAMILY FARM SOUTH OF TOWN UNTIL MOVING INTO FAIRBURY IN 1960.

SURVIVING ARE HIS WIFE; A SON, WARREN, OF FAIRBURY; A DAUGHTER, JOANN, AT HOME; FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, LARAE, QUINN, WENDY, AND NELSON; A BROTHER, BEN, OF FAIRBURY; SEVEN SISTERS, MISS CLARA ZEHR, MISS LENA ZEHR, MRS. MARY TRAUB, MRS. ANNA STEFFEN, MRS. IDA STEFFEN, MRS. FANNIE STEFFEN AND MRS. ALDINE STEFFEN, ALL OF FAIRBURY.

A SON ROY, HIS PARENTS AND A SISTER, SARAH, PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH.

HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND SERVED AS A TRUSTEE FOR 18 YEARS. HE WAS ALSO A PAST BOARD MEMBER OF THE FARMER'S GRAIN COMPANY.

PALLBEARERS WERE HERBERT STEFFEN, OF CROPSEY, LEON WAIBEL, OF WOLCOTT, IND., HARVEY TRAUB AND RAY YODER, OF FAIRBURY, RICHARD STEFFEN, OF FORREST AND ALBERT STEFFEN, OF STRAWN.

CARL SOHN 1902 - 1963

RITE TODAY IN FORREST FOR CARL SOHN, 60

SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT CULKIN FUNERAL HOME, FORREST, AT 1 P. M. AND AT THE FORREST APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH TODAY FOR CARL SOHN, 60, OF FORREST WHO DIED TUESDAY, JULY 30, 1963, AT 8 A. M. AT FAIRBURY HOSPITAL.

HE HAD BEEN IN ILL HEALTH SINCE APRIL AND IN THE HOSPITAL FOR THREE WEEKS.

BURIAL WILL BE IN SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CEMETERY.

HE WAS BORN DEC. 3, 1902, AT FAIRBURY, A SON OF JAKE AND ANNA PETERS SOHN. HE MARRIED LYDIA HARI, APRIL 22, 1934.

SURVIVING ARE HIS WIFE; A SON AND DAUGHTER LEROY AND LUCILLE, BOTH AT HOME; ANOTHER SON, HARRY, CHAMPAIGN; HIS MOTHER, FAIRBURY; AND FOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, EMIL, ALBERT, LOUISE AND HELEN, ALL OF FAIRBURY.

SOHN WAS A FARMER AND BELONGED TO THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

ANDY LEHMAN 1899 - 1980



FORMER FORREST MAN DIES IN ARIZONA

ANDREW F. LEHMANN, 80, EUREKA, AND FORMERLY OF FORREST, DIED SATURDAY AT PHOENIX, ARIZ. FUNERAL SERVICES WERE WEDNESDAY AT APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FORREST, WITH MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH OFFICIATING. BURIAL WAS IN SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CEMETERY.

CUYLKIN FUNERAL HOME WAS IN CHARGE OF THE ARRANGEMENTS.

HE WAS BORN APRIL 18, 1899, AT FORREST, A SON OF ANDREW AND MARY KILGUS LEHMANN.

HE MARRIED EDNA SUTTER, MAY 11, 1922, AT PONTIAC. SHE DIED NOV. 14, 1956. HE MARRIED BENA LEMAN, MARCH 16, 1958, AT FORREST. SHE DIED MARCH 26, 1971. HE MARRIED VERNA HOERR IN 1972 AT PEORIA. SHE SURVIVES.

ALSO SURVIVING ARE TWO DAUGHTERS, DOROTHY TEWELL, PONTIAC, AND JEAN ORTH, MORTON; ONE SON, ANDREW III, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.; ONE SISTER, TILLIE RIEGER, FORREST; TWO BROTHERS; IRA, ODELL AND HERBERT, CROSEY, SIX GRANDCHILDREN AND SEVEN GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY FOUR BROTHERS AND ONE SISTER.

HE OPERATED A HARDWARE STORE AND MANAGED THE FORREST LOCKERS BEFORE RETIRING SEVERAL YEARS AGO. HE WAS A MEMBER OF APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

SIDNEY LEMAN

SURVIVING

EMIL SOHN 1904 - 1987

SERVICES AT FORREST JAN. 3 FOR RETIRED FARMER EMIL SOHN, 82

EMIL SOHN, 82, OF FAIRBURY, DIED AT 4:43 A. M. THURSDAY, JAN. 1, 1987 AT FAIRVIEW HAVEN NURSING HOME, WHERE HE HAD RESIDED THE PAST 11 MONTHS.

HIS FUNERAL WAS AT 11 A. M. SATURDAY, JAN. 3 AT THE FORREST APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, WITH CHURCH MINISTERS OFFICIATING. BURIAL WAS IN THE SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CEMETERY, RURAL FAIRBURY.

STIVER CHAPEL, FAIRBURY, WAS IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

MR. SOHN WAS BORN SEPT. 8, 1904, IN FORREST TOWNSHIP, A SON OF JACOB AND ANNIE PETERS SOHN. HE MARRIED ANITA HONEGGER FEB. 15, 1933, AT PEORIA. SHE SURVIVES.

ALSO SURVIVING ARE TWO SISTERS, HELEN AND LOUISE SOHN, BOTH OF FAIRBURY.

TWO BROTHERS PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH.

MR. SOHN WAS A MEMBER OF THE FORREST APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH. HE FARMED IN THE FAIRBURY AREA HIS ENTIRE LIFE UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1966.

SINCE BEN'S ORIGINAL BOOK IN 1973, THE FOLLOWING HAVE CARED FOR THE CEMETERY AND IT'S MAINTENANCE, WARREN ZEHR, HARVEY IFFT, LLOYD BACHTOLD, CHRIS STEFFEN AND RICHARD WENGER, WHO IS THE PRESENT SEXTON

PERSONAL NOTES FROM RICHARD STEFFEN

THERE ARE SOME INTERESTING FACTS CONCERNING DEATHS AND BURIALS I WOULD LIKE TO RECALL, SO I ASK MY MOM TO TAKE US BACK EVEN TO HER YOUTH IN THE HORSE AND BUGGY DAYS, AND I THINK IT GIVES US A MORE SOBERING VIEW OF DEATH THAN WE EXPERIENCE TODAY. MOM SAID VERY FEW PEOPLE WENT TO HOSPITALS AND YOU KEPT YOUR FAILING LOVED ONES IN YOUR HOME TO SUFFER AND DIE. MEN WOULD BUILD A COFFIN (CASKET) OUT OF WOOD RIGHT OFF THE FARM AND THE UNDERTAKER (MORTICIAN) WOULD COME OUT AND EMBALM THE BODY RIGHT IN THE HOUSE. THE BODY WOULD BE LAID FLAT ON A TABLE OR WALLPAPER BOARD THAT WAS USED FOR PASTING WALLPAPER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS PROCESS. THEN THE COFFIN WOULD BE LINED WITH SOME SOFT MATERIAL OR A BED COMFORT BEFORE THE BODY WAS PUT IN. IF THE WEATHER WAS REAL HOT, THE BODY WAS NOT PUT IN THE COFFIN UNTIL VIEWING OR VISITATION TIME BECAUSE THE SKIN WOULD START GETTING DARK. VISITATIONS WERE ALWAYS IN THE HOME AND A MOURNING WREATH WOULD BE HUNG ON THE FRONT DOOR, TO SIGNIFY A "WAKE" WAS AT THIS HOME. NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS CAME IN TO DO ALL THE WORK, PREPARE MEALS, WASH CLOTHES, ETC. A BLACK MOURNING DRESS WAS A NECESSITY, AND IF REQUIRED SEWERS CAME IN AND MADE THEM. HANDKERCHIEF WERE WHITE WITH BLACK BORDERS. THE "MOURNING WREATH" STAYED ON THE FRONT DOOR TILL AFTER THE BURIAL. ON THE MINUTE THE LOVED ONE TOOK THEIR LAST BREATH, THE CLOCK ON THE SHELF IN THE SITTING ROOM WAS STOPPED AND REMAINED STOPPED UNTIL THE DEEPEST SORROW FOR THE LOST LOVED ONE BEGAN TO WEAR AWAY. SOMETIMES IT WENT INTO MONTHS TILL THE CLOCK WAS RESTARTED.

THERE WERE OFTEN TWO DAYS OF VISITATION AND USUALLY TWO MEN WOULD STAY UP ALL NIGHT TO LET THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY GO TO BED. THEY WATCHED OVER THE BODY MAINLY SO RODENTS AND INSECTS DID NOT GET INTO THE COFFIN. THE COFFIN WAS USUALLY DRAPED WITH A VERY THIN NETTING TO HELP PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING. THEY WOULD ALSO MEET THE GUESTS THAT MAY BE ARRIVING DURING THE NIGHT FROM A DISTANCE. THERE WAS ALWAYS LUNCH PREPARED SO THE MEN AND GUESTS COULD SNACK DURING THE NIGHT.

ON THE FUNERAL DAY LOVED ONE'S CAME TO SHARE THE SORROW WITH SHORT SERVICES AT THE HOME. THIS CONSISTED OF A SONG, BIBLE READING, AND A CLOSING PRAYER BEFORE TAKING THE BODY TO THE CHURCH. THE COFFIN OR (CASKET AFTER WORLD WAR I) WAS ALWAYS CARRIED BY SIX BROTHERS OF THE CHURCH, NEVER FRIENDS. IT WAS PLACED IN A GLASS DRAPED HORSE DRAWN HEARSE PULLED BY TWO BEAUTIFUL BLACK HORSES, WITH SPECIAL PLAIN BLACK HARNESSSES, NO TRIMMINGS WHATSOEVER. SOUTH SIDE CHURCH HAD TWO BLACK TEAMS, ONE TEAM OWNED BY JOE PATERNOSTER AND THE OTHER TEAM OWNED BY ANDREW STEFFEN. THE HARNESS WAS CLEANED THOROUGHLY AFTER EACH USE, AND WAS KEPT UPSTAIRS IN THE ATTIC OF ANDREW STEFFENS HOME.

MOM SAID IT WAS SOMETHING TO SEE WHEN THE CHURCH YARD WAS FULL OF HORSES AND BUGGIES ALL TIED TO HITCHING RACKS, AS MANY AS POSSIBLE, AND SEVERAL MEN HAD TO STAY IN THE YARD TO WATCH THE TEAMS DURING SERVICES. THE HORSES COULD SENSE THE SORROW AND WOULD WHINNY OR NEIGH TO EACH OTHER AND IT SEEMED TO ADD TO THE SORROW.

SINGING AT THE CHURCH FOR FUNERALS WAS ONLY BY THOSE WHO FELT LIKE SINGING IN THE CONGREGATION, AND AT THE CEMETERY IT WAS THE SAME WAY. THE COFFIN WAS OPENED AT THE CHURCH DURING THE SERVICES AND AFTER THE LAST PRAYER THE CONGREGATION FILED BY FOR THE LAST VIEWING. AND OF COURSE THERE WAS NO FLOWERS AT THE HOME OR CHURCH ANYWHERE. SERVICES AT THE CEMETERY CONSISTED OF A SONG, A PRAY, AND THEN

COFFIN WAS OPENED FOR THE IMMEDIATE FAMILIES LAST VIEWING. THE LAST CEMETERY VIEWING WAS STOPPED AROUND 1948. IF SOMEONE WAS NOT A MEMBER ONLY A PRAYER WAS OFFERED AT THE CEMETERY BUT NO SONG WAS SANG. THE GRAVES WERE DUG BY HAND NY THE CARETAKER OF THE CEMETERY, OFTEN OTHERS WOULD GO HELP, ESPECIALLY IN THE WINTER MONTHS, WHEN THEY HAD TO USE PICKS TO BREAK THROUGH THE FROZEN GROUND. BEFORE THE USE OF VAULTS AND CASKETS, THE OLD COFFINS WERE LOWERED INTO THE GRAVE WITH THE USE OF ROPES BY TWO MEN ON THE HEAD AND TWO MEN ON THE FOOT ENDS OF THE COFFIN.

BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE

THE SETTING FOR BAPTISMS IN THE EARLY YEARS OF THE CHURCH WAS INDIAN CREEK. ALL SERVICES WERE HELD IN MEMBERS' HOMES AND NO DOUBT THOSE NEAR THE CREEK WERE SELECTED AS MEETING PLACES ON THE SUNDAYS THIS EVENT WAS TO OCCUR. BAPTISM WAS A YEAR-ROUND HAPPENING AND IT PROVED TO BE A RIGOROUS EXPERIENCE FOR THOSE WHO MADE THEIR DECISION IN THE WINTER SEASON. ON EXTREMELY COLD AND FRIGID DAYS A LARGE HOLE WAS CHOPPED THROUGH THE ICE. AFTER IMMERSION IN THE NEAR-FREEZING WATER, THE SHIVERING NEW-MEMBER WAS WRAPPED IN BLANKETS BROUGHT FOR THE PURPOSE AND THEN HAULED BACK TO THE NEARBY HOME WHERE THE SERVICES WOULD BE CONCLUDED. THE LAST MEMBERS TO BE BAPTIZED IN INDIAN CREEK WERE ALBERT STEFFEN AND KATIE ROTH.

AFTER THE CHURCH BUILDING WAS ERECTED ALL BAPTIZING TRANSPIRED THERE. A BAPTISMAL FOUNT OR TROUGH WAS CONSTRUCTED OF WOOD AND LINED WITH SHEET METAL. IT HAD HANDLES AT EACH OF THE FOUR CORNERS AND THEY WERE USED TO CARRY IT FROM STORAGE IN ONE OF THE BUILDINGS WEST OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TO THE PUMP WHICH STOOD AT THE "SOUTH SIDE" OF THE CHURCH. AGAIN, WEATHER WAS NEVER A DETERRENT AND THOSE WHO CHOSE TO BE BAPTIZED IN THE WINTER HAD TO ENDURE WELL WATER AT AMBIENT TEMPERATURE. NO DOUBT IT WAS VERY REMINISCENT OF THE SUB-ZERO CREEK ORDEALS.

TODAY, THIS "SOUTH SIDE" CHURCH BAPTISMAL, ALONG WITH THE "NORTH SIDE" CHURCH BAPTISMAL IS STORED AT THE GREG STOLLER FARM.

GERMAN SCHOOL

A LARGE CLASS STUDYING THE GERMAN LANGUAGE WAS HELD IN THE CHURCH BEFORE THE DAYS OF COMPULSORY EDUCATION. THESE CLASSES MET FOR SEVERAL WINTERS AND WERE COMPRISED OF BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS INCLUDING TWO MEMBERS OF BEN'S FAMILY.

MR. ROBERT BAHLER WAS THE INSTRUCTOR IN THE FINAL YEAR WHICH WAS THOUGHT TO BE ABOUT 1900. AT THAT TIME THE CLASS WAS HELD IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING AND THREE OF BEN'S BROTHER ATTENDED. IT WAS RUMORED THAT THE STUDENTS WERE QUITE UNRULY WHICH PROBABLY CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE SCHOOL'S DISCONTINUANCE.

HARD TIMES COME

DURING WORLD WAR I THEY MET GREAT STRAIN DO TO WAR AGAINST THE FORMER HOMELAND, THE DRAFT, DEADLY SICKNESS AND ANTI-GERMAN PERSECUTION.

MANY YOUNG "SOUTH SIDE" BOYS WERE DRAFTED TO FIGHT, BUT BECAUSE OF THEIR OWN BELIEFS OR BY THE PROMPTING OF THEIR PARENTS, THE BOYS SERVED AS NONCOMBATANTS. FOR SOME THE MILITARY MADE IT HARD ON THEM, FOR SERVING IN THIS WAY. SOME WHO SERVED DURING WORLD WAR I:

EMIL BAHLER 1891 - 1959



EMIL BAHLER, FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS. BORN DECEMBER 24, 1892, FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS. FARMER. INDUCTED JUNE 24, 1918, PONTIAC, ILLINOIS. TO CAMP WHEELER, GEORGIA. PVT., 122 FIELD HOSP. TRANSFERRED TO VETERINARY CORPS, A. R. D. AUGUST 8, 1918. DISCHARGED APRIL 30, 1919, CENTAUR, GEORGIA.

ALVIE HONEGGER 1894 - 1918

ALVIE HONEGGER, FORREST, ILLINOIS. BORN FEBRUARY 24, 1894, FORREST, ILLINOIS. FARMER. INDUCTED JUNE 24, 1918, PONTIAC, ILLINOIS. TO CAMP WHEELER, GEORGIA. PVT., CO. E, 123 INF. TO CAMP MILLS, LONG ISLAND, SEPTEMBER 13, 1918; DIED AT CAMP MILLS BASE HOSP., OCTOBER 11, 1918, OF INFLUENZA AND PNEUMONIA.

HERMAN HUENI 1891 - 1961

HERMAN J. HUENI, BREMEN, INDIANA. BORN SEPTEMBER 18, 1891, FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS. ENLISTED DECEMBER 13, 1917, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. TO BENICIA ARSENAL, CALIFORNIA. SGT., DEPOT CO. L, SIGNAL CORPS. TRANSFERRED TO 419 TEL. BN., CAMP S. T. B. MORSE, TEXAS, MAY 22, 1918. PROMOTED TO SGT., 1CI., SEPTEMBER 1, 1918. SAILED FROM NEW YORK CITY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1918, ON FINLAND. LANDED AT BREST, FRANCE, SEPTEMBER 28, 1918. TRAINED AT COEUR CHAVERNY, OCTOBER 3-15 1918. TRANSFERRED TO 33 SERVICE CO., S. C., NEVERS, FRANCE, OCTOBER 15, 1918; TO 14 SERVICE CO., S. C., ST. NAVAIRE, FRANCE. SAILED FROM ST. NAZAIRE, FRANCE, JUNE 28, 1919, ON MADAWASKA. LANDED AT CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, JULY 13, 1919; TO CAMP JACKSON, JULY 13, 1919; TO CAMP TAYLOR, JULY 19, 1919. DISCHARGED JULY 21, 1919.

WILLIAM IFFT 1892 - 1974

WILLIAM IFFT, STRAWN, ILLINOIS. BORN APRIL 19, 1892, FORREST, ILLINOIS. FARMER. INDUCTED JUNE 24, 1918, PONTIAC, ILLINOIS. TO CAMP WHEELER, GEORGIA. PVT., 18 CO., 2 PROV. REG. TRANSFERRED TO VETERINARY CORPS, A. R. D. 311, CAMP MOGUL, CENTAUR, GEORGIA, AUGUST 10, 1918. DISCHARGED MARCH 20, 1919.

WALTER KOEHL 1893 - 1976

WALTER KOEHL, FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS. (RECORD NOT RETURNED)

JACOB PETER 1893 - 1965

JACOB G. PETER, FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS. BORN APRIL 26, 1893, FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS. FARMER. INDUCTED JUNE 24, 1918, PONTIAC, ILLINOIS. TO CAMP WHEELER, GEORGIA. PVT., 106 AMM. TR., 31 DIV. TRANSFERRED TO AUX. REM. DEP. 311, CENTAUR, GEORGIA, SEPTEMBER 6, 1918; TO HORSESHOEING SCHOOL. PROMOTED TO AUTO MECH., AND ASSIGNED CHAUF., LT. COL. JONES. PROMOTED TO 1ST SGT., MARCH 24, 1919. DISCHARGED MAY 22, 1919.

PHILIP SOHN, JR. 1894 - 1988

PHILIP D. SOHN, FORREST, ILLINOIS. BORN JANUARY 14, 1864, FORREST, ILLINOIS. INDUCTED JUNE 24, 1918, PONTIAC, ILLINOIS. TO CAMP WHEELER, GEORGIA. FARRIER, VET. CPS. TRANSFERRED TO A. R. D. 311, CENTAUR, GEORGIA, AUGUST 9, 1918. DISCHARGED APRIL 30, 1919, CENTAUR, GEORGIA.

ELMER STEFFEN 1896 - 1919



ELMER STEFFEN, CROPSEY, ILLINOIS. FARMER. BORN JANUARY 1, 1896, BELLE PRAIRIE TWP., LIVINGSTON CO., ILLINOIS. INDUCTED JUNE 24, 1918, PONTIAC, ILLINOIS. TO CAMP WHEELER, GEORGIA. PVT. VETERINARY CORP. GRANTED A TEN-DAY FURLOUGH ON FEBRUARY 6, 1919, AND WHILE ON FURLOUGH DIED FROM INFLUENZA FOLLOWED BY PNEUMONIA, ON FEBRUARY 21, 1919.

WALTER STEFFEN 1896 - 1980

WALTER J. STEFFEN, CROPSEY, ILLINOIS. BORN FEBRUARY 1, 1896; CROPSEY, ILLINOIS. FARMER. INDUCTED JUNE 24, 1918, PONTIAC, ILLINOIS. TO CAMP WHEELER, GEORGIA. PVT., 18 CO., 2 PROV. REG. TRANSFERRED TO AMB. CO. 122, 106 SAN. TR., AUGUST 12, 1918; TO CAMP MILLS, NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 21, 1918. SAILED FROM HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY, OCTOBER 28, 1918, ON RIJNDAM. LANDED AT BREST, FRANCE, NOVEMBER 9, 1918. TO BASE HOSP. NO. 33, NOVEMBER 13, 1918, INFLUENZA. TRANSFERRED TO CO. F, 8 INF., DECEMBER 1, 1918; TO HOSP., DECEMBER 25, 1918. SAILED FROM BREST, FRANCE, JANUARY 13, 1919, ON ORIZABA. LANDED AT HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY, JANUARY 22, 1919; TO ELLIS ISLAND, NEW YORK, JANUARY 23, 1919; TO CAMP GRANT, ILLINOIS, FEBRUARY 2, 1919. DISCHARGED FEBRUARY 14, 1919.

SAMUEL ZIMMERMAN 1895 - 1988

SAMUEL P. ZIMMERMAN, FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS. BORN MARCH 15, 1895, FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS. INDUCTED JUNE 24, 1918, PONTIAC, ILLINOIS. TO CAMP WHEELER, GEORGIA. PVT., 123 INF. TRANSFERRED TO VETERINARY CORPS, CAMP MOGAL, GEORGIA, AUGUST 15, 1918. DISCHARGED MAY 12, 1919.

IT WAS ALSO AT THIS TIME THAT A NEW DISEASE HIT THE CHURCH CONGREGATION WITH DEADLY FORCE. THE "SPANISH FLU" WOULD START AS INFLUENZA AND EVENTUALLY WOULD TURN TO PNEUMONIA, WHICH WOULD OFTEN BE FOLLOWED BY DEATH. DUE TO THIS THE CHURCH WAS CLOSED FOR A TIME UNTIL IT WOULD CEASE. THE KNOWN LIVES TAKEN BY THE EPIDEMIC:

ALVIE HONEGGER (DIED OCTOBER 11, 1918)

ALVIE HONNEGER

ALVIE HONNEGER, SON OF MR. AND MRS. ED HONNEGER, OF SOUTH OF FORREST, DIED MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, AT THE HOSPITAL AT CAMP MILLS, L. I., OF PNEUMONIA, FOLLOWING AN ATTACK OF SPANISH INFLUENZA.

HE ENTERED THE SERVICE JUNE 24, GOING INTO TRAINING AT CAMP WHEELER, WHERE HE WAS ASSIGNED TO CO. E, 124 INFANTRY. ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO CAMP MILLS.

BESIDES HIS PARENTS HE IS SURVIVED BY FOUR BROTHERS AND EIGHT SISTERS, VIZ SAM, FRANK, PAUL, JULIA, ANNA, KATHRYN, ELLA, PERCEDA, AADIE, NATHALIA, WALTER AND MRS. LENA KYBURZ.

THE FUNERAL SERVICES WERE CONDUCTED FROM THE GERMAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH SOUTH OF TOWN WEDNESDAY.

WILHELM "WILLIAM" KAISNER (DIED OCTOBER 26, 1918)

WILLIAM KAISNER



WILLIAM KAISNER, WHO HAD BEEN A PATIENT AT THE FAIRBURY HOSPITAL FOR SEVERAL DAYS, DIED AT THAT PLACE LAST SATURDAY EVENING, DEATH BEING DUE TO PNEUMONIA, FOLLOWING AN ATTACK OF INFLUENZA.

THE DECEASED WAS BORN IN AUSTRIA-HUNGARY IN 1889, AND CAME TO THIS COUNTRY WITH HIS PARENTS WHEN HE WAS FOUR YEARS OLD, THE FAMILY LOCATING NEAR FAIRBURY. ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO HE WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO MISS ROSA BACHTOLD.

HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER, HIS PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. JOHN KAISNER, SR., SEVEN BROTHERS AND ONE SISTER.

THE FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD FROM HE HOME TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

EDWARD R. LEHMANN (DIED OCTOBER 27, 1918)

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EDWARD, THE LITTLE SON OF MR. AND MRS. ANDREW LEHMAN, WHO RESIDE NORTH OF TOWN, DIED MONDAY MORNING AFTER AN ATTACK OF SPANISH INFLUENZA.

CHRISTIAN HOERR (DIED JANUARY 1919)

CHRIST HOERR

CHRIST HOERR, WAS BORN MAY 13, 1869, AS BADEN, GERMANY. HE WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO EMMA RAPPSAB AT HEINELBERG, GERMANY, AND THEY CAME TO THIS COUNTRY JULY 1, 1900, LOCATING SOUTH OF FAIRBURY, WHERE THEY HAVE MADE THEIR HOME EVER SINCE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND EIGHT CHILDREN: CARL, EMIL, OTTO, RUDOLPH, EMMA, ESTHER, HILDA AND AUGUST; TWO BROTHERS, JOHN AND EMIL, OF FAIRBURY, AND ONE SISTER IN GERMANY.

THE DECEASED WAS AN EXCELLENT MAN, AND A KIND FATHER AND HUSBAND.

THE FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD AT THE SOUTH CHURCH LAST SUNDAY.

CARL HOERR (DIED JANUARY 15, 1919)

CARL HOERR

CARL HOERR, WHO WAS ILL WITH PNEUMONIA AT THE TIME OF HIS FATHER'S DEATH, PASSED AWAY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, AT THE AGE OF 20 YEARS.

HE WAS A YOUNG MAN WELL LIKED BY ALL HIS ASSOCIATES AND AN ENERGETIC WORKER.

PRIVATE FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD FROM THE HOME TODAY.

ELIZABETH HANNIE (DIED FEBRUARY 14, 1919)

ELIZABETH HENNI

MRS. ELIZABETH HENNI PASSED AWAY AT THE HOME OF HER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, MRS. JOHN HENNI, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1918. AGED 73 YEARS, 4 MONTHS AND 10 DAYS.

ELIZABETH BIGLER WAS BORN IN SWITZERLAND, OCTOBER 4, 1845. SHE WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO CARL HENNI IN THAT COUNTRY AND IN 1880 THEY CAME TO THE UNITED STATES,

WHERE THE DECEASED HAS SINCE RESIDED. MR. HENNI PASSED AWAY IN 1912. FIVE CHILDREN SURVIVE THEIR MOTHER: FRED, CHRIS AND ADOLPH, OF FAIRBURY; CHARLES, OF COLBY, WIS., AND MRS. MARTHA GEHRING, OF LOGAN, OKLA. THE DECEASED WAS A KIND AND LOVING MOTHER AND AN EXCELLENT WOMAN.

THE FUNERAL WAS HELD FROM THE SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHURCH TUESDAY AND WAS LARGELY ATTENDED.

ELMER STEFFEN (DIED FEBRUARY 21, 1919)

BORN JANUARY 1, 1896, BELLE PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP.
PARENTS ALBERT AND ELIZABETH (HARI) STEFFEN.
DIED FEBRUARY 21, 1919, BUIRED "SOUTH SIDE" CHURCH CEMETERY.

NETTIE ROTH (DIED MARCH 1, 1919)

BORN FEBRUARY 11, 1898.
PARENTS SAMUEL AND ROSA (HARI) ROTH.
DIED MARCH 1, 1919, BURIED "SOUTH SIDE" CHURCH CEMETERY.

EMMA ZEHR (DIED MARCH 29, 1919)

BORN MARCH 31, 1917.
PARENTS SAMUEL AND LENA (BROQUARD) ZEHR.
DIED MARCH 29, 1919, BURIED "SOUTH SIDE" CHURCH CEMETERY.

GERMAN NO LONGER USED

SONGS FORM THE ZION'S HARFE AND THE LONG BOOK CALLED HEFT RENDERED IN VOICES OF MELODIOUS GERMAN PROVIDE US OF THAT GENERATION WITH IRREPLACEABLE MEMORIES. UNFORTUNATELY, SONGS LIKE "HEIM ACH NUR HEIM, HEIM ACH NUR HEIM" LOSE SOME OF THEIR MELODY AND MUCH OF THEIR EXPRESSION IN TRANSLATION.

LIKewise, IF YOU COMPREHENDED THE LANGUAGE, THOSE GERMAN SERMONS DELIVERED WITH DIGNITY AND SIMPLICITY REMAIN INCOMPARABLE FRINGED WITH SUCH PRAYERS AS, "SCHEPFER UNSERES LEBENS DER DU WOHNST IM HIMMEL, ALLMACHTIGER, ALLGEGENWARTIGER, GNADIGER UND BARMHERZIGER GOTT HIMMLISHE VATTER ET CETERA", THEY CONTAINED A MESSAGE THAT WAS ENLIGHTENING AS WELL AS BEAUTIFUL AND NO ENGLISH TRANSLATION FAITHFULLY REPRODUCES IT.

CONCEDING THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO BE FLUENT IN TWO LANGUAGES THE OLDER ONES NEVERTHELESS, FOR REASONS MENTIONED ABOVE PLUS HABIT AND NOSTALGIA, ADHERED TO THE MORE FAMILIAR TONGUE AND RITUAL. IT WAS THEIR EXPECTATIONS THAT BY EXAMPLE AND ASSOCIATION THE YOUNGER ONES COULD BE RECONCILED. IT WAS NOT TO BE SO, HOWEVER, AS MANY OF THEM SELDOM SPOKE GERMAN DURING THEIR DAILY ROUTINE OR AT HOME, EVEN WHEN LIVING WITH THEIR PARENTS. IT WAS PROBABLY THIS SINGLE FACTOR -- CONVERSING IN ENGLISH -- MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE THAT CONTRIBUTED TO "THE PARTING OF THE WAYS" ON FEBRUARY 7, 1932.

NAME CHANGE

NO SERIOUS RIFTS OCCURRED IN THE EARLY CHURCH UNTIL 1907 AT WHICH TIME A GROUP OF DISSIDENTS FORMED A SEPARATE CONGREGATION. TO DIFFERENTIATE THEMSELVES FROM THE ORIGINAL CHURCH WHICH HAD BEEN CALLED "CHRISTIAN APOSTOLIC" EVEN BEFORE

INCORPORATION; THEY REVERSED THE WORD ORDER AND ADOPTED THE NAME "APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN".

SEPARATION DID NOT HAVE IT'S INTENDED RESULTS IN THE ORIGINAL CHURCH AND THE COVERT MANEUVERING AND AGITATION CONTINUED FOR NEARLY TEN YEARS. THEN, FOR REASONS KNOWN ONLY TO A FEW, THEY LIKEWISE ASSUMED THE IDENTICAL NAME CHOSEN EARLIER BY THE SISTER CHURCH. TWO CHURCH ENTITLED "APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN" IN THE COMMUNITY ARE CONFUSING AND AS TIME PASSES, ALL ATTEMPTS AT JUSTIFICATIONS BECOME QUITE HUMOROUS.

SEPARATION

THE MAJOR SEPARATION THAT OCCURRED IN 1932 WAS NOT A SPONTANEOUS DECISION. IT WAS THE RESULT OF MANY IRRITATIONS THAT HAD ACCUMULATED THROUGH THE YEARS. THE LANGUAGE BARRIER AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED, WAS ONE OF THE MORE SERIOUS PROBLEM. THE YOUNGER ONES WERE VERY RELUCTANT TO SIT THROUGH SERMONS IN A TONGUE THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND. ANOTHER WAS THE DOUBLE STANDARDS OF DRESS AND DEPORTMENT THAT WERE A CONSEQUENCE OF FAVORITISM. SHORTLY BEFORE SEPARATION MANY HAD BEGUN TO WEAR THE LATEST IN STYLES, HAIRDOS, SHOES, ETC. THREE-CORNERED VEILS, WHICH HAD LONG BEEN THE ACCEPTED HEAD COVERING, WERE NO LONGER APPROPRIATE. EXPENSIVE AND FANCY LACE VEILS HAD BECOME THE VOGUE. PIANOS WERE PURCHASED BY MANY MEMBERS AND THEIR CHILDREN WERE GIVEN LESSONS -- ACTS THAT WOULD HAVE ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED ONLY A FEW YEARS EARLIER. OTHER TACTICS, WHICH MANY CONSIDERED HARASSING, RANKLES THOSE WHO, THROUGH CHOICE OR REBUKE, WERE ADHERING TO THE TRADITIONAL CHURCH WAYS.

BEN RECALLED AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION THAT DEVELOPED WHEN THE ELDER REFUSED TO PERFORM THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY BECAUSE, IN HIS OPINION, THE INTENDED BRIDEGROOM'S DRESS WAS "UNBECOMING". INFORMED ONLY HOURS BEFORE THE EVENT WAS TO TAKE PLACE, HE CHANGED THE OFFENDING APPAREL DURING THE SUNDAY DINNER HOUR, THEREBY GAINING THE APPROVAL NECESSARY TO SOLEMNIZE THE MARRIAGE. AND SO IT WENT -- WHAT WAS ONCE FORBIDDEN TO ALL WAS NOW PERMITTED FOR SOME AND THOUGH BEN HAD RELATED ONLY ISOLATED INSTANCES, THIS PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT ENCOURAGED RESENTMENT AND WAS A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE FINAL DIVISION.

HELP COMES TO THE STRUGGLING CHURCH

AFTER THE SPLIT THE "SOUTH" CHURCH WOULD HAVE SERVICES EVERYDAY FOR A TIME. THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPER CLIPS RAN IN THE FAIRBURY BLADE REPORTED ON THE MINISTERS VISITING THE CHURCH. THIS WAS THE NEXT NEWSPAPER AFTER THAT SPLIT OF 1932.

FAIRBURY BLADE

FEB. 12, 1932

COUNTY BRIEFS

BELLE PRAIRIE NEWS

CHRIS GERBER, OF ROCKVILLE, CONN., SPENT THE FIRST OF THE WEEK AT THE CHRIS KAEB HOME.

TOWN TALK



REV. GERBER OF ROCKVILLE, CONN.; REV. HARTZLER, OF WAYNE COUNTY, O.; REV. GRAF, OF AKRON, O.; REV. VIRKLER, OF CASTORLAND, N. Y.; REV. PFISTER, OF FORT SCOTT, KAN.; REV. OBERGFEL, OF MISSOURI; REV. NORR, OF LEO, IND., AND REV. STOLLER, LATTY, O., HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING SERVICES AT THE NORTH AND SOUTH CHRISTIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCHES THE PAST WEEK.

FRED OBERGFUL AND SON ELMER AND CHARLES KUEBLER, OF CISSNA PARK, AND REV. ANDREW OBERGFUL, OF LAMAR, MO., CALLED AT THE JOHN KOEHL AND HENRY LENHART HOMES MONDAY.

MISS MARY KOEHL HAD AS SUPPER GUESTS SATURDAY EVENING, CHRIS KOEHL OF HANCOCK, MINN., AND JOHN KOEHL AND FAMILY AND ANDREW KOEHL, OF THIS CITY. MR. KOEHL RETURNED TO MINNESOTA MONDAY.

ELMER FARNEY, OF PEORIA, AND HIS GUESTS, PHILLIP BEYER AND HARVEY VIRKLER, OF CASTORLAND, N. Y., WERE HERE MONDAY VISITING RELATIVES.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN KOEHL ENTERTAINED AT SUPPER SUNDAY EVENING REV. HARTZLER AND REV. GRAF, OF OHIO, AND J. P. GINGRICH AND MATT KAMMERER, OF GRIDLEY.

MATT KAMMERER, OF EL PASO, VISITED FAIRBURY FRIENDS FRIDAY. ANDREW OBERGFEL, OF LAMAR, MO., WHO HAD BEEN VISITING IN EL PASO, CAME OVER WITH HIM AND VISITED HIS SISTER, MRS. CHRIS GAUGER, AND HIS BROTHER, CHRIS OBERGFEL.

AFTER THE SEPARATION

AFTER THE "PARTING OF WAYS" ON FEBRUARY 7, 1932, ALL THREE ARE CHURCHES WERE WITHOUT AN ELDER. TO RECTIFY THIS ELDER EMIL SCHUBERT CAME FROM PEORIA TO RENDER HIS COMPETENT ASSISTANCE. AS A RESULT HE WAS GIVEN COMMAND OF ALL THREE CHURCH. HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS AND EXPERIENCED HELP WERE SINCERELY APPRECIATED AND SOON MORE THAN SEVENTY IN THE AREA WERE REPENTING.

NOAH SCHROCK, VISITING HERE AT THE TIME, NOTED THE PRESSING NEED FOR A RESIDENT ELDER. PETER BACH, A "NORTH SIDE" MINISTER SINCE 1923, WAS THEN ORDAINED AN ELDER BY EMIL SCHBERT AND ELIAS WINZLER ON NOVEMBER 20, 1932. HE HELD AUTHORITY OVER ALL THREE CHURCHES UNTIL HIS DEATH ON MAY 5, 1946.

AGAIN, TEMPORARILY, THE CHURCHES LACKED A RESIDENT ELDER AND ON DECEMBER 24, 1946 THEY REMEDIED THIS BY ORDAINING JOSHUA BROQUARD IN THE FAIRBURY CHURCH AND HENRY KILGUS FOR THE "NORTH SIDE". HENRY WAS ALSO GIVEN "CHARGE" OVER THE "SOUTH SIDE".

ABANDONMENT

THE "SOUTH SIDE" APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH HELD IT'S FINAL SERVICES ON DECEMBER 11, 1949. AFTER SEVENTY-FOUR YEARS OF CONTINUOUS USE IT WAS NOW TO BE ABANDONED. THE FINAL SERMON WAS DELIVERED BY HERMAN HUENI WHO WAS THEN A MINISTER IN THE BREMEN, INDIANA CHURCH THOUGH, IN EARLIER YEARS, HE HAD LIVED AND ATTENDED HERE. SAM ZEHR II SERVED THE LAST LUNCHEON TO AN OVERFLOWING ASSEMBLY FOR THIS GRIEVOUS AFFAIR. IT WAS TERMINATED WITH A PARTING HYMN AND A CLOSING PRAYER FOLLOWED BY SORROWFUL AND REGRETTABLE LEAVE-TAKING.

THE MEMBERS, BY THIS ABANDONMENT, WERE NOW UNATTACHED AND IT THEREFORE BEHOVE THEM TO JOIN ONE OF THE ACTIVE AREA CHURCHES. AN ACCURATE COUNT OF THE MEMBERS BY WALTER STEFFEN, WHO WAS CHURCH TREASURER, TOOK THE AVAILABLE FUNDS AND

PROPORTIONALLY DIVIDED THEM BETWEEN THE TWO CHURCHES. THE BUILDINGS WERE SOLD AND THEN DISMANTLED IN THE SPRING OF 1950.

HISTORICAL MARKER

A SUGGESTION BY ALPHA STEFFEN THAT AN HISTORICAL MARKER BE PLACED AT THE ORIGINAL CHURCH SITE.

ALPHA OBTAINED THE CONSENT OF THE LAND OWNERS TO ERECT THIS MONUMENT ALONGSIDE THE HIGHWAY FENCE AND ADJACENT TO THE SPOT WHERE THE CHURCH FORMERLY STOOD. MADE OF GRANITE, IT IS THUS INSCRIBED:

<p>ORIGINAL SITE OF THE SOUTH APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH 1875 - 1949</p>

BENJAMIN NUSSBAUM FAMILY GENEALOGY

<p><u>GRANDFATHER</u> NIKLAUS NUSSBAUM 1810 - 1891</p>	<p><u>GRANDMOTHER</u> BARBARA FLUCKIGER 1815 - 1890</p>	<p><u>GRANDFATHER</u> ? STORTZ ???? - ????</p>	<p><u>GRANDMOTHER</u> CHRISTINA ? 1830 - 1919</p>
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<p><u>FATHER</u> SAMUEL NUSSBAUM 1849 - 1931</p>	<p><u>MOTHER</u> CHRISTINA STORTZ 1855 - 1941</p>
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<p>BENJAMIN NUSSBAUM 1892 - 1975</p>

NIKLAUS NUSSBAUM 1810 - 1891
(WIFE) ANNA BARBARA (FLUCKIGER) NUSSBAUM 1815 - 1890
(SON) JACOB NUSSBAUM 1847 - 1932
(SON) JOHANNES "JOHN" NUSSBAUM 1845 - 1935
(SON) SAMUEL NUSSBAUM 1849 - 1931
(DAUGHTER) ANNA (NUSSBAUM) BLEUER 1854 - 1915
(SON) NICKLAUS NUSSBAUM 1857 - 1940

SAMUEL NUSSBAUM 1849 - 1931
(WIFE) CHRISTINA (STORTZ) NUSSBAUM 1855 - 1941
(SON) BENJAMIN NUSSBAUM 1878 - 1886
(SON) JOSEPH NUSSBAUM 1879 - 1966
(SON) SAMUEL NUSSBAUM 1882 - 1961
(DAUGHTER) ANNA (NUSSBAUM) MASON _____
(SON) PHILIP NUSSBAUM _____
(SON) WILLIAM NUSSBAUM _____
(DAUGHTER) TILLIE (NUSSBAUM) MEISTER 1888 - 1962
(DAUGHTER) LENA (NUSSBAUM) HONEGGER 1890 - 1960
(SON) BENJAMIN NUSSBAUM 1892 - 1975

BENJAMIN NUSSBAUM 1892- 1975
(FIRST WIFE) RUTH MARGUERITE (ZOOK) NUSSBAUM 1895 - 1929
(SON) WILMER NUSSBAUM ???? - ????
(SECOND WIFE) LYDIA (MUNZ) NUSSBAUM 1893 - 1994