

John Boerger Died At The Home In Fort Loramie On Sunday And His Body Was Buried Wednesday

Was A Prominent Farmer
And Stock Buyer During
Many Years

WAS BORN NEAR VILLAGE

And Spent Nearly Eighty
Years Among The People
In That Section

On Sunday, March 1, 1936, John Boerger died at his home in Ft. Loramie, Ohio, at the age of 77 years, 8 months and 16 days. For a long span of time he was one of the leading citizens in the north western section of



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Shelby county and he was particularly prominent in the affairs of Ft. Loramie. In the years of his most extended operations he was a farmer on a broad scale and had large possessions throughout the territory adjacent to the village.

During the past several years he was not active except to keep watch over the general trend of affairs and to give counsel to persons who had need for the advice of an experienced and successful operator. He was living a retired life at his home in Ft. Loramie when his health began to fail him during the year of 1935. Complications that almost invariably overtake the aged people became manifest about one year ago and he failed from that time forward.

Mr. Boerger was born on May 15, 1858, in the Ft. Loramie community and he continued to reside in the locality without any absent periods until his career was ended. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Christ Boerger and they resided on a farm west of Ft. Loramie, now occupied by Julius Boerger, when the subject of this narrative was born. All special plans in his life had relationship with the established orders in the Ft. Loramie community, including both the religious and secular interests.

He became a member of the St. Michael parish at the village as a boy and gave a large measure of his strength in helping to advance its many movements while he looked to its pastors for spiritual advice. At one time he served the church as one of the wardens and his rare judgment in affairs of all kinds helped pastor and people in a splendid way.

In his infancy he received the rite of baptism at the altar of the church in Ft. Loramie and in his youth he was accepted as a member of the church at that same spot and on Wednesday morning his lifeless body rested there during the funeral mass. Mr. Boerger and Miss Mary Schuman were united in marriage at the St. Michael church in Ft. Loramie on November 23, 1883, and they immediately established a home in that locality. They reared one another's boys and grew together down through passing years and in November of 1933 they observed their silver wedding. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Boerger and five of them, with the aid and mother survive the rigors of the household. These are: Carl Boerger who lives

in the family home at Ft. Loramie; Mrs. Albert Freytag and Paul Boerger who also reside at Ft. Loramie; Mrs. Oscar Bohmann at Minster; Mrs. E. H. Kromer at Dayton, Ohio. There are fifteen living grand children.

A son who was Carl Boerger, died unexpectedly eight years ago and another son who was John Boerger died thirty-one years ago. Another son died in infancy.

The parents of Mr. Boerger were both born in Germany and the mother lived to be well remembered by many of the people of the present day in the Ft. Loramie vicinity. Her husband passed away many years ago and from the time of his death until her demise she and her son John maintained a home in the same circle. During the son's early days they resided on the farm east of the village, but later they moved to the town and both spent long years as residents there.

In his boyhood days John Boerger attended the school at Ft. Loramie. When he finally finished the school course there he took up life as a farmer and superintended the operations of

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