

Adams Co, IN Historical Museum Obit Scrapbook; handwritten date of Monday, 4 May 1942

JOHN F. HOCKER FUNERAL HERE ON WEDNESDAY
Prominent Monroe Man, Former Local Salesman, Dies

John F. Hocker, 70, widely known Monroe resident and a salesman for the A. J. Moser Company here for several years, died at 8:20 o'clock Sunday Morning at the St. Joseph hospital at Fort Wayne where he had been a patient for several weeks. He had been seriously ill for four weeks. Mr. Hocker was one of the most widely known men in Adams county and spent much time in Berne and community.

Mr. Hocker underwent an operation at the hospital about two weeks ago. He had been suffering from gland trouble. Following the operation he was very weak and received several blood transfusions. A few days ago pneumonia set in and caused or hastened his death.

Mr. Hocker was born at Vera Cruz, in Wells county on August 18, 1871, a son of Joseph and Jesteen Sunier Hocker. He was married to Rosa Elzy at Monroe in 1892. The couple spent all of their married life at Monroe except one year when they lived at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hocker was a salesman at the A. J. Moser Company here from 1914 to 1921. He served on the board of directors of the company from 1917 to 1921. He and the late Ben Smith formerly operated a hardware at Monroe and he was active in business otherwise. He spent many winters in Florida and summers in Michigan and had lived a retired life for some time. Mr. Hocker owned several farms in Adams Co.

Surviving are the widow, a daughter, Mrs. R. J. Meyer of Monroe, three brothers and a sister. The brothers are Charles Hocker, Decatur; Rev. H. H. Hocker, Covina, Calif.; Otis Hocker of Monroe and the sister is Mrs. R. B. McKerman of Fort Wayne. A sister, Mrs. Mary Aldina Oliver, is deceased.

The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the residence in Monroe and at 2:30 o'clock at the Monroe Methodist church. Rev. R. F. Hart, pastor of the church and Rev. C. A. Schmid, pastor of the Cross Reformed church here will officiate. Burial will be in the M. R. E. cemetery west of Berne.

The body was brought to the Yager mortuary here and will be returned to the home at Monroe this evening.