

Funeral Services For WM. Presdorf Will be held in Bern Tomorrow Afternoon
Former Berne Man Died At Lagrange Monday Night at Midnight
Past 91 Years Old

William Presdorf, former Berne citizen died at midnight Monday at Lagrange, Ind. His death was due to paralysis, he having suffered three strokes since last Friday. Death occurred at the home of his son Henry with whom he had made his home for a number of years.

The deceased is well known here, having lived on north Behring street for many years. At the time when he lived here he had been one of the oldest residents of Berne. His age at the time of his death was 91 years, 6 months and 10 days. For the last eight or ten years, he had been blind.

William Presdorf was born in Germany on May 3, 1835. When a young man he immigrated to this country. The greater part of his life time had been spent in farming. He had been married twice. His first wife was Katherine Crush, five children having been born to this union. In 1878 he was again married, his second wife having been Mrs. Elisabeth Stucky. His second marriage was dissolved by the death of Mrs. Presdorf five years ago.

After retiring from his farm in Kirkland township, Mr. Presdorf moved to Berne, where he lived until the death of his second wife. He then went to Lagrange county where he lived on a farm with his son Henry. Only two weeks ago they had moved from the farm to Lagrange.

Surviving are two sons: Henry of Lagrange and Edward of near Craigville, 7 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, besides a large number of other relatives. Two wives have preceded him in death; also one son Gustav and a daughter Sophia who died in youth. A daughter Lena, wife of Albert Erehart also preceded him in death.

The body will be brought to Berne for burial. Funeral services will be held at the Reformed church in Berne tomorrow afternoon at 1:30. Mr. Presdorf had long been a member of the Reformed church and was the oldest member of the congregation.

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The obit says William was born in 1835, which doesn't mathematically add up. According to his death certificate, he was born May 3rd, 1831, which would fit the 91 years old in the obit. His death date was November 13th, 1922. Also, interestingly, William bought plot 192 in the original part of the MRE cemetery, but there is no burial information listed in the cemetery records other than the purchase, and no headstone. I think plot 192 was listed in the directory at the Berne library as unused, though, the plot book says he bought it.

Contributed by Stephen Presdorf, great, great, great-grandson of William