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(Photo) Christian C. Hirschy, Adams county's oldest citizen, died early this morning at his home on Baltimore street. He was 102 years of age. The above picture was taken in his garden on his 100th birthday.

(Karin King note: Christian (1848-1950) buried MRE Cemetery)

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(Handwritten date: Dec. 28, 1945)

FRED GERBER DIES ??, AT LOS ANGELES

Funeral Held Today For Native of This Community

Funeral services were held this afternoon at Los Angeles, California, for Fred Gerber, 73, a native of this community. Mr. Gerber died late on Christmas day, December 25, at 11:15 p.m., according to a telegram received by relatives here. He was a brother of Ed Gerber and Mrs. Fanny Trout, both of this place.

The deceased had been ailing for ten years. Death was caused by hardening of the arteries and complications. He was employed by the Southern Pacific railroad but had now been retired. He had lived in the west for many years. He was never married.

Mr. Gerber was born in Wabash township, January 7, 1872, a son of John and Anna Moser Gerber.

Surviving are three brothers and a sister, Paul Gerber, Los Angeles; Ed Gerber and Mrs. Trout of Berne and Abe Gerber of St. Walburg (Sask.), Canada. Henry and Calvin Gerber predeceased, also two brothers in infancy.

Burial was made at Los Angeles.

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(Handwritten date: Friday, December 28, 1945)

CAREY TEMPLIN DIES THURSDAY AT HOME HERE

Rites Saturday For Local Man; Wife Critically Ill

Carey Templin, 78, well known local citizen, died Thursday morning at 12:20 at his home on Water street. Death was caused by arterio-sclerosis and complications, according to the attending physician. He had been ailing for several years and was practically helpless the last several months. He fell several times last week, probably aggravating his condition. Mr. Templin had been a resident of Berne for the last 20 years.

WIFE CRITICALLY ILL

Mrs. Templin is also critically ill at the home and little hope is held for her recovery. She has also been in failing health for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Templin have been cared for by their daughter, Mrs. Homer Inniger, who with their small son, live in the home. Mr. Inniger recently returned from the service and has now been assisting in the care of Mr. and Mrs. Templin.

The Templins operated a home bake shop for many years and Mr. Templin was a familiar figure on the streets, carrying fresh pastries in a basket, making deliveries. They were forced to discontinue this business some time ago because of ill health.

The deceased was born in Randolph county, Indiana, November 20, 1867, a son of Sanford and Judith M. Faulkin Templin. He was married to Rosina Amstutz west of Berne on November 20, 1909. She survives and is 74 years of age.

Surviving besides the widow are two sons and two daughters, Roswell M. Templin, Portland; Rev. Clinton H. Templin, Ashley, Indiana; Mrs. Opal Amstutz and Mrs. Lillie Inniger, both of Berne. Nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild survive. There are no surviving brothers or sisters. His first wife, one brother and one sister preceded.

The body was removed this afternoon from the Yager mortuary to the west entrance room of the First Missionary church where it may be viewed. The (cut off)

(Karin King note: Cary Templin buried Twin Hill Cemetery, Pennville, Jay County, IN)

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(Handwritten date: Monday, March 12, 1951)

#### ALVA POTTER DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Alva Potter, 57, died suddenly at 9:00 a.m. Friday at his home a mile south of Tocsin. Death was attributed to a heart attack. Among the survivors is a daughter, Mrs. Charles Myers of Craigville route 1.

(Karin King note: Alva is buried Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian, Wells County, IN)

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(Handwritten date: Friday, Dec. 1, 1950)

#### CHRISTIAN C. HIRSCHY DIES HERE EARLY THIS MORNING AT AGE OF 102

Adams County's Oldest Citizen Dies Peacefully After Illness Of Five Weeks; Funeral Sunday Afternoon At West Missionary Church

Christian C. Hirschy, Adams county's oldest citizen died peacefully at his home 366 (cut)...the table for several weeks and had taken little nourishment for some time.

As far as could be learned today Mr. Hirschy had reached an age never before attained by any citizen of this community, at least not for many years.

#### LIFE LONG RESIDENT

Mr. Hirschy was a life-long resident of this community, spending his 102 years and a few months in this vicinity. He was (cut)...he observed in 1948, Mr. Hirschy said "I enjoy living as long as I can take care of myself, but as soon as I become a burden to some one I am ready to die." When asked at that time to what he attributed his long life he said, "To the goodness and will of God." He was not a "crank" about diet or certain habits and said many times he lived an ordinary life, ate moderately of everything placed on the table, worked hard and saw to it that he received plenty of sleep.

#### LIVED WITH DAUGHTER

Mr. Hirschy lived with his daughter Rose, who took care of him. Another daughter, Mrs. Walter H. Luginbill, also assisted in caring for him during the last illness. And, incidentally, Mr. Hirschy was ill only a few times in his long span of life.

Mr. Hirschy was born August 3, 1848, west of Berne, across the road from the West Missionary church on the farm where Mr. and Mrs. Enos Neuenschwander and family now live. He was the son of John and Barbara Stauffer Hirschy.

The community in which Hirschy was born was a wooded wilderness at the time of his birth. He saw remarkable changes during his century of living, in transportation, education, medicine, science and other fields. When he was a lad and young man, farming was done with horses or oxen and the crudest type of tools. The best roads were but a path or trail. Wolves, deer and other wild animals abounded in the woods.

Hirschy remembered the Civil war and had it lasted a year or (cut off)

....two great-grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Salome Wanner and Mrs. Noah Schindler, both of Berne. The wife, a son, John C., a daughter in infancy, two brothers and eight sisters preceded him in death.

(Karin King note: Chris Hirschy is buried in MRE Cemetery)

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