

Peter Graber, Sr.

June 1, 1885 – Feb. 26, 1957

Rites Held Friday for Peter Graber, Sr. 71

Funeral services for Peter Graber, Sr., 71 years of age, prominent Washington township farmer, who passed away at 7:45 on Tuesday evening of last week in his farm home, were held at Friday afternoon in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church.

The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Rudy Gebhardt, Beloit, Ernest Gebhardt, Argyle, Fred Maurer, Alfred Meier, Sr., Monroe, Carl Rufer and Robert Zimmerman Monticello.

Mr. Graber had been in failing health since April, 1956.

Native of Switzerland

A native of Switzerland, Mr. Graber was born in Unierbach, Canton Berne, June 1, 1885, the son of Peter and Eliza Graber. He attended schools in Switzerland. In 1914 Mr. Graber came to America, settling in Green county. He was united in marriage on Oct. 27, 1922, in Switzerland, to Marie Naegeli.

Closely identified with the dairy cattle industry for many years, Mr. Graber was widely known as a breeder of purebred Holstein and was recognized as an outstanding Holstein breeder. He retired from farming some time ago.

Mr. Graber was a member of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church and the National Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

Mr. Graber is survived by his wife; three sons, Otto, Permin and Peter, Jr., Monticello; two daughters, Mrs. Erick Siegenthaler, Argyle, and Lillian, Monroe; one brother, Herman, Monticello, and three brothers—John, Permin and Harry—in Switzerland; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Wilhelm, and one grandson, Richard Graber, Jan. 21, 1957.