

Jacob Ringger

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Jacob Ringger, a farmer and minister in Illinois, was born in Zurich, Switzerland on August 17, 1850. He immigrated to America with his mother, Amelia, and four siblings, Rudolph, Amelia, John, and Fred, in 1868. He was the oldest child and was 18 years old when he came to America. His parents were Henry and Amelia Ringger. His father, Henry, died before they came to America. They settled in Mclean, Illinois. Jacob attended the Gridley, Illinois Apostolic Church where he served as a minister. He was also a self-employed farmer.

He was married on September 21, 1884, to Mary Graham. Mary's parents are Bernhardt and Barbara (Sinn) Graham. Mary lived from 1856-1947. They had eight children: Edward, George, Lillian, Jacob Jr., Ida, Bernhardt, Henry, and Faye Ringger. Jacob also served as a Union soldier in the Civil War. He was in the 103rd Regiment, Illinois Infantry. He died on October 13, 1929, at age 79.

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