

Abraham Sprunger

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### Abraham Sprunger

Abraham Sprunger was the fifth child of Peter and Anna Rothlisberger Sprunger. He was born on February 19, 1797 in Huttenberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Peter was a farmer and rented a farm in Munsterberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He married Anna Moser on January 16, 1823. He lost his wife Anna Moser in June of 1843. Abraham remarried to his second wife, Magdalena Rufenacht, on January 29, 1848. Magdalena died one year and 354 days later. Abraham decided that he would immigrate with his children and 20 other families to America. On March 7, 1852, they left their home. They boarded the ship on March 18, 1852 at Havre, France. The ship they boarded was 123 feet long and 22 feet wide, and held 175 people. They landed in New York, on April 28, 1852. Lake Erie, by which they traveled to Ohio, was frozen over and they had to break through the ice. They came to Sonnenberg in Wayne County, Ohio, on May 7, 1852. Soon after coming to Sonnenberg, Abraham and his family came to Adams County, Indiana. Abraham and Anna had 5 children, Peter, Varena, Elisabeth, Abraham, and Anna. Abraham's second wife gave birth to one son named Samuel. Abraham Sprunger died at the age of 92 years, 8 months, and 22 days.

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