

Joseph Rich was born June 23, 1838; died June 25, 1914; aged 76 y. 2 d. He was married with Anna Moser, Dec. 22, 1859. They were faithful members of the Mennonite Church at the time of their marriage, which faithfulness they maintained until death. Sister Rich died Oct. 27, 1907. This union was blessed with 7 sons and 3 daughters. Bro. Rich leaves to mourn his departure, 1 brother, 9 children, 35 grandchildren, 1 son having preceded him in death. Bro. Rich was born near Basil, Switzerland, and came to America when 4 years old, landing in Canada. He and his sister walked from New London, Ont., to Allen Co., Ind. A little later Bro. Rich came to Adams county and settled on a homestead 6 miles northwest from where Berne now stands, most of that region being dense forest at that time. He succeeded in building up a comfortable home and a beautiful farm, but his earthly possessions did not prevent him from keeping in view the need of preparing for the more glorious home beyond. Funeral services at the home and at the Defenseless Mennonite Church by Eli Lantz and J. S. Hartzler, where about 1000 people were gathered. Burial at the Mennonite graveyard about 2 miles distant.

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