

Stained Glass – Part 3: James F. Leibold and Dora (Spangler) Leibold



This month's window is at the rear of the church as you face the altar. It was presented by Mrs. J. F. Leibold in memory of James F. Leibold.

James Floyd Leibold was the son of Israel and Mary (Duck) Leibold, who are buried at Brownstown. He was a farm laborer who died in 1924 at age 32 of "myocarditis" and "acute articular rheumatism." Most likely, he suffered rheumatic fever subsequent to a strep infection. On his WWI draft registration card, he stated that he had no disabilities, but claimed conscientious scruples as an exemption.

Mrs. James F. Leibold was Dora W. Spangler, daughter of Edwin and Mary (Weinhold) Spangler. James and Dora are buried in the cemetery and so are Dora's parents, Edwin G. Spangler (June 23, 1860-Sept. 14, 1940) and Mary B. Weinhold (May 11, 1863-Oct. 26, 1952).

The Spanglers had twelve children between 1884 and 1907, and all but one of them is buried in the cemetery. They are: Elsie (1884-1969) married to Stephen Levan;

Gerna (1886-1968) married to Benjamin Weidner; Susan (1887-1974) married to John Jacob Miller; Caleb (1889-1918) married to Beulah Shreiner; Dora (1891-1964) married to James Leibold; John (1893-1958) married to Irene Butzer; Rufus, born 1895 and died at 4 months; Mazie, Rufus's twin, (1895-1990) married to William P. Young; Maude (1898-1980) married to Jacob Garman; Michael (1900-1902); Elizabeth (1902-1992) married to Raymond E. Lied; and Catherine (1907-1980) married first to Walter Eicker and then to Leon Lausch.

That's twelve children between 1884 and 1907. Mary Spangler was about 21 when the first child was born and 44 when the last arrived. I could have missed a child, but I don't see how! Mary Weinhold Spangler was a very special, sturdy woman.

The outlier (literally) is Elizabeth, who is buried with her husband at Muddy Creek Church Cemetery.

