

Berne Witness, Adams Co, IN; Friday, 9 July 1948

rites here Saturday for woman, who unknown to her family died
year ago

Body of Mrs. Rebecca Ann Uhrick, 79, Returned Here from Indiana University
Sent There from Richmond Where She Died July 7, 1947

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Yager Funeral Home here for
Mrs. Rebecca Ann Uhrick, 79, a life-long resident of this community. Rev. L. G. Wright
of Geneva will officiate and burial will be in the Ray cemetery near Monroe. The body
was returned to the Yager Mortuary today from Bloomington and will be taken to the
funeral home Saturday morning.

DIES YEAR AGO

Announcement today of the funeral services for Mrs. Uhrick brought to light one of the
strangest cases of this type in the annals of Adams county. Mrs. Uhrick died July 7, 1947
at the Fasthaven hospital at Richmond. Members of her family were unaware of her
death until recently when they went to Richmond and inquired as to her condition.
They were told that Mrs. Uhrick had died in July of last year.

Following Mrs. Uhrick's death the body was shipped from Richmond to Indiana
University at Bloomington for study by medical students. When inquiry was made
from proper officials at Indiana University it was disclosed that the body was still there
in good state of preservation and had not yet been used for research work. Members of
the Uhrick family contacted the Yager Mortuary here and arrangements were made to
return the body here for burial.

Mrs. Uhrick, records show, entered the Adams county infirmary November 7, 1941. She
was transferred to Easthaven hospital June 20, 1947, after a sanity hearing conducted by
two physicians. She was committed to the Easthaven hospital by the late J. Fred
Fruchte, then judge of the Adams circuit court.

Members of the family charge they were unaware that Mrs. Uhrick had been
transferred from the county infirmary to Richmond and did not learn of this until a year
after the transfer had been made when some members of the family went to the
Richmond hospital.

Frank Kitson, superintendent of the county infirmary told the Witness that he was never informed by the authorities of the Richmond institution that Mrs. Uhrick had died, neither were members of the Uhrick family informed. Mr. Kitson said on other such occasions the Richmond hospital had always informed him and consulted with him in the disposition of the body. Why this was not done in the case of Mrs. Uhrick remains the big mystery in this strange case.

Mrs. Uhrick was born at Monroe February 14, 1868, the daughter of Alick and Sarah Everhart Brandyberry. She was married to Elmer Uhrick and he preceded in death January 25, 1941. Mrs. Uhrick resided in Geneva for some time before entering the county home.

She was a member of the Winchester U. B. church.

Surviving are two sons, Vern Uhrick, Berne route 2, and Edward Uhrick, Fort Wayne; two sisters, Mrs. Isabelle Uhrick, Dunkirk; Mrs. David Springer, Anderson; a brother John Brandyberry, Jonesborough, Ark.; 18 (end of article cut off)

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