

Adams County Historical Museum, 1937 Scrapbook

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IRA WAGONER DIES SUNDAY AT MONROE

Prominent Retired Farmer and Business Man, Expires; Rites Tuesday

Ira Wagoner, aged 76, prominent Monroe resident, and a well known retire farmer, died at his home in Monroe at 1:30 oclock Sunday morning. Mr. Wagoner had been ailing since December with heart disease. He suffered with influenza last winter and was left in a weakened condition.

Mr. Wagoner had been seriously ill for the last two weeks. Saturday evening he was taken into the yard at his home for a short period, but suffered a relapse and died several hours later. He was well-known in Berne and a frequent visitor here.

Mr. Wagoner was born near Monroe on March 15, 1861, a son of Nicholas and Katherine Wagoner. He spent his entire life in Adams County. On Nov. 14, 1885, he was united in marriage to Miss Wilma E. Bollinger. She preceded on March 31, 1927. In September, 1934, he was again married, this time to Jessie Kale, and she preceded on March 18, 1936.

Mr. Wagoner farmed for many years on the farm where Fred Zuercher now lives, 4 miles north and one-half mile west of Berne. He retired from farming in 1920, moving to Monroe, where he was active in the affairs of the town. He served as a member of the Monroe town board for two terms. He was also prominent in church and Sunday school work, being a member of the Monroe township Sunday school committee for several years. He was a faithful member of the Winchester U.B. Church.

Surviving are the following children: Clarence, Mrs.Zella Johnson, and Lester, all of Detroit; Mrs. Gertrude Amstutz and Frank, both of Fort Wayne; Mrs. Lucy Hoffman, Blue Creek township, and Sanford, Atlanta, Georgia. Eleven grandchildren and one step grandchild survive. One sister, Mrs. Minda Laisure, of Monroe, and one brother, Eli Wagoner, of Spokane, Washington, survive. Two sisters and two (Article cut off)

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