

ERNST WITTE DIES

Former Marion Township Official Succumbs at Farm Home

Ernst F. Witte, 73, formerly trustee and assessor Marion township, died at his home in that township, off the Decatur road, at 8:45 o'clock Saturday evening. He had been ill for several years, suffering from dropsy, asthma, and heart disease. Born in Adam(s) county, Mr. Witte lived in Illinois several years after his marriage. The balance of his life was spent in Marion township, where he was a prominent citizen. He was a member of St John's Lutheran church at Bingen. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Sophia Witte; two daughters, Mrs. Otto Springer of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Gerhart Schaper, living on the Paulding road; five sons, John and Charles of Hoagland, and Henry, Otto, and Ernst, Jr., in Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Charles Wiedman of Toledo and Mart Wiedman of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Thomas Reynolds of Fort Wayne and Miss Marguerite Wiedman at home; 30 grandchildren, and five brothers, Conrad and Edward Witte of Detroit, August Witte of Evansville and Mart and Herman Witte of Fort Wayne. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at a time to be announced later.

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