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JACOB MOSER DIES IN FALL FROM HAY WAGON

Tragic Happening Occurs Late Monday; Suffers Broken Neck

FUNERAL HELD THIS AFTERNOON

A well-known farmer of this community, Jacob F. Moser, age 58, met a tragic death late Monday afternoon. He fell from a hay wagon and suffered a broken neck. Death was instant. The accident happened on the farm of a neighbor, Peter Mosser, at about 3:30 o'clock, several miles southwest of Berne.

The funeral was held this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the home and at 2 o'clock at the West Missionary church, Rev. Alfred Clauser of Ft. Wayne, former pastor of the church, officiating. Burial was in the MRE Cemetery.

Moser was riding on a load of hay with his son Harry, and daughter Dorothy, in the hay field. Just exactly how the fatal fall took place could not be explained by either of the children. They had barely started loading the hay on the hay ladder when Mr. Moser accidentally touched the daughter's feet with the prongs of the fork while placing some hay. When Mr. Moser inquired whether it hurt and she replied that it had not, the team of horses which had a habit of stopping when someone talked, halted and in some manner threw him off the load. Very little hay had been taken on the wagon with the loader, it was explained, but the manner in which he fell, on his head, caused sudden death. His son Harry stated that his father was dead when he reached him.

An ambulance and a physician were called immediately, however, but the man was dead.

Jacob Moser and Peter Mosser had agreed to exchange work, the former to make hay and the latter to plow corn, recently. The deceased had completed the work with the side delivery rake and had taken the team back to the barn. When his son and daughter were ready to return to the field, their father asked whether he should go along to help them with the work. When they replied in the affirmative, they left the barn and began their work. Shortly afterwards came the fatal fall.

Mr. Moser was the son of Peter F. and Elizabeth Wulliman Moser and was born in French township, May 4, 1878. His first wife died many years ago and on May 18, 1919, he was married to Lillian Mertz.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Lillian Mertz Moser; two sons, Harry of Hartford township and Franklin of near Linn Grove from the first marriage; two daughters, Dorothy and Edwinna from the second marriage at home; six brothers, Edward of Warsaw, Albert of Ligonier, David of Woodburn, Peter, Joel and Noah Moser of Monroe township; two sisters, Mrs. Aldine Fox of French township and Mrs. Dan Huser of Syracuse, Kansas. Four grandchildren also survive.

One daughter, Verena, from the first marriage died and one child, Helen May, from the second marriage (cut off)