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DEATH TAKES J.P. NUSSBAUM ON SATURDAY

Aged Retired Farmer Dies at Home Here After Long Illness

Funeral on Tuesday AM

John P. Nussbaum, aged 89, one of the oldest persons in Berne, died at his home on High street Saturday evening at 8:10 PM. Mr. Nussbaum was a respected and beloved retired farmer and had been ailing for more than four years. According to his attending physician, death was caused by paralysis of the bowels and complications, brought on by senility.

Mr. Nussbaum had been bedfast four years and had been helpless for quite some time. He grew gradually weaker the last several weeks. His aged wife is also in feeble health, but has been able to sit up in a chair the past few weeks. Mr. Nussbaum was cared for by his relatives, including his son Levi, who has been at his bedside for some time, his daughter, Mrs. Sara Wyss, Mrs. Don Sweeney, and other relatives.

John P. Nussbaum was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, a son of Peter and Barbara Steiner Nussbaum, on October 16, 1844, bringing his age to 89 years, 4 month and 1 day. He immigrated to America in 1852 when he was eight years of age. His family settled in this community wand when he was 12 years of age his father died leaving him to support the family.

On Feb. 3, 1866, he was married to Virginia Mazelin and they lived on the farm now owned by Ed Ringge? four miles northwest of Berne, until 1908 when they moved to Berne. While living on the farm, Mr. Nussbaum gained renown as being one of the most prosperous farmers in the community. He was also active in business affairs while still on the farm and after moving to town and was a director and stockholder in several local concerns.

Mr. and Mrs. Nussbaum celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary of Feb. 3 of this year.

Surviving are the aged widow and the following children: Levi, at home here, formerly of Idaho; Peter of Yale British Columbia; Sarah Wyss, at home, William, four miles northwest of Berne. Two daughters died in infancy and Emma and Benjamin died at the age of 21 years. One brother survives, Benjamin Nussbaum of northeast of Berne. One brother, Jacob, died in Oregon eight years ago and two sisters and two brothers died in infancy.

Ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren survive.

Mr. Nussbaum was a member of the Mennonite church. He was baptized by Rev. Chris Baumgartner in early manhood.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday forenoon at 9 o'clock at the home and at 9:30 o'clock at the local Mennonite church, Rev. C.H. Suckau officiating. Burial will be in the M.R. E. Cemetery.

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