

## **THE BERNE WITNESS, Adams County, Indiana; Friday, May 18, 1956**

### **MRS. WILLIAM TOWNSEND DIES SUDDENLY HERE**

Funeral Saturday for 76-year-old Local Woman

Mrs. Emma I. Townsend, 76, wife of William Townsend of this place, died unexpectedly at 12:00 noon Thursday at her home at 375 N. Behring Street. Death was blamed to a heart attack. Mrs. Townsend had been a resident of Berne for many years and was widely known.

Mrs. Townsend had not been well for several years, being afflicted with a heart ailment. However, she was up most of the time and did much of her own house work. Yesterday she prepared the noon meal and after putting it on the table went to bed to rest. Her husband, after finishing his dinner, went to the bedroom and found his wife dead. She apparently died without making a sound.

A native of Blackford county, Mrs. Townsend was born March 27, 1880, the daughter of John and Lina Sievers Gray. She was married to William Townsend September 12, 1896, at Hartford City. They moved to this community 46 years ago.

Surviving in addition to the husband are two daughters, Mrs. Clarence (Edna) Luginbill and Mrs. William (Margaret) Davis, both of Fort Wayne; two sons, Ora and Robert Townsend, both of Berne; 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren and a sister, Miss Cora Gray, Marion. A daughter, Mrs. Nellie Clark, preceded in death.

Mrs. Townsend was a member of the Trinity E.U.B. church where services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Rev. A.E. Givens officiating. Burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery. The body is at the Yager Funeral Home where friends may call.