

Adams County Historical Museum, 1937 Scrapbook

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DEATH CLAIMS R. B. JOHNSON

Richard Johnson Dies Wednesday Night After Long Illness

Richard Burton Johnson, 66, one of the most prominent Adams county farmers, died Wednesday night at 10:30 o'clock of complications at the Adams county memorial hospital, where he had been a patient for about two weeks. He had been in poor health for the last two years.

Mr. Johnson was born near Edgerton, Ohio, January 26, 1871, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Johnson. His family moved to this county while he was still in the grade schools and he had lived here since. For a time he was a resident of Decatur. For the last 37 years he had resided on a farm one mile south of Decatur on U.S. highway 27.

He was a member of the Evangelical church in Decatur. He was married to Viola Meriss in 1894, who preceded him in death, June 23, 1921. Mr. Johnson was then married to Mrs. Mary Koenig, November 24, 1936. She survives.

Also surviving are the following children: Ellery, of Van Wert, Ohio; Ben, of Fort Wayne; Mrs. Rose Cryder, of Fort Wayne; Mrs. Robert Patterson, of Van Wert; Forrest of Grand Rapids, Michigan; John, of Muncie; Mrs. Kenneth Props, of Rensselaer; Richard, of Edmore, Michigan; six step-children; nine grandchildren and one brother. A sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the home and at 2 o'clock in the Evangelical church in Decatur. Burial will be made in the Decatur cemetery. The Rev. George S. Lozier, pastor of the Evangelical church, will officiate.

The body was returned from the S. E. Black funeral home this afternoon and may be viewed from 7 o'clock this evening until the time of the funeral.

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