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MOSSER RITES (cut off)

Death Claims Sol Mosser, Prominent Geneva Livestock Breeder

Funeral services for Sol Mosser, 63, prominent Adams county dairyman and cattle breeder, who died suddenly late Monday afternoon, will be held Thursday.

The services will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Mosser residence, five miles east of Geneva and burial will be made in the Riverside cemetery near there.

Mr. Mosser was stricken suddenly with a stroke and heart ailment Monday and died soon after.

He was one of the foremost Jersey breeders in the county and state and sometime he was recognized as the owner of one of the state's outstanding herds. He recently sold his herd to retire to a less active life. Prior to this sale, he was also known as a leading dairyman of the county.

His death was a shock to the community, and especially to agricultural and livestock leaders of the county since he had not been in ill health at any time recently.

He was a native of Adams county and resided here his entire life.

Surviving are the widow, Elizabeth Burley-Mosser and seven children, Mrs. Elizabeth Stamm of Fort Wayne, Sol, Jr., of near Geneva; Mrs. Ervin Moore of near Decatur, Arden of Portland, Hugh David and Grace at home, Catherine at Fort Wayne.

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JOHN F. FENNIG (cut off)

...Father of Geneva Woman is Wednesday

John F. Fennig, 83, died this morning at 10:15 o'clock, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Louis Feidl Schott, east of Geneva. Death was caused by complications following an injury of his left hip on June 26.

He was a son of George and Barbara Bastian Fennig, both natives of Germany, and was a life long resident of Jay Co. He was born August 14, 1856, in Wabash township, Jay Co.

On February 22, 1880, he was united in marriage to Eunice Bock, who died March 22, 1939. They were married by Rev. Philip Hocker, pioneer Lutheran pastor of Jay county, who also baptized Mr. Fennig into the Lutheran church.

Children living are Charles of Elkhart; Bertha, wife of Mose? Willey of Noble township; Homer C., southeast of Bryan, ?; Flossie, wife of Raymond Journay, southeast of Portland; Walter of Dayton, Ohio; and Eunice, wife of Louis F. Schott, east of Geneva. There are fourteen grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren surviving. One brother, James of Wabash, Ohio, is living. Four brothers and 4 sisters preceded him in death.

The body was taken to the Metzner Funeral Home at Bryant and will be held there until Tuesday afternoon, when the body will be taken to the home of Homer C. Fennig. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 C.S.T. at the Bryant Lutheran Church, of which he was a member. Rev. Herbert Neve will officiate. Burial will be at the Gravel Hill cemetery.

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