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FUNERAL SERVICES THIS AFTERNOON FOR J. B. WELTY Aged Local Man Dies Here Saturday From Effects of Recent Fall

Funeral services were held this afternoon for John B. Welty, 89, who passed away at his home on West Franklin street on Saturday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock. A 2:00 o'clock service was held at the First Mennonite church of which he was a member, preceded by a service at the Welty home. Burial was made in the M.R.E. cemetery. Rev. C. H. Suckau, officiated.

Mr. Welty had been in fairly good health, considering his advanced years, until about ten days ago when he had the misfortune to fall while ascending a terrace in the back yard of his home. He was returning to the house at the time after having taken some sugar water to his bees to feed them. A number of bees were following him, evidently having been annoyed at being disturbed. He was beating them off and while going up the terrace steps, he lost his equilibrium and fell.

Alone at the time of the mishap, he did not believe that he was hurt much, but called for help and was assisted to the house by neighbors. Complications, however, soon developed and in a few days his physical condition began to sink until death Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Welty, who was well known in the community as a bee-keeper, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, on February 15, 1854, a son of Christian and Magdalena Luginbill Welty. In ?? the family moved to the Fortuna, Missouri community, where he lived until 1904 when he came to Berne with his family. On October 21, 1880 he was married to Miss Rosina Lehman of Missouri. Together they engaged in farming until they retired in 1904. They enjoyed their companionship until January 29, 1942 when Mrs. Welty passed away.

Surviving are two daughters, Elma, wife of Albert N. Sprunger of this place, and Ella, wife of Prof. Harry Kohler of Fresno, California; also nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A granddaughter, Miss Marguerite Sprunger, Berne Witness linotypist, has been making her home with Mr. Welty since the death of her grandmother and has been caring for him.

A sister, Mrs. Emily Rohrer of Fort Wayne, is the last survivor of his brothers and sisters.

Four children preceded him in infancy: Bertha, Arthur, Melvin and Cordelia. Brothers and sisters preceding him were Daniel, Joel B. B. Frank Welty, Mrs. Elizabeth Hirschler, Mrs. Carolina Moser and Mrs. Rosina Wenger.

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