

**Commercial Review, Thursday, November 30, 1950 (an abstract)**

MRS. MARTHA BANTA, 81, died Wednesday at midnight in Jay County Hospital after a critical illness of one week following a stroke.

Body removed to Williamson Funeral Home. Rites on Saturday. Interment in Claycomb cemetery.

Was born December 10, 1863 in Green township, daughter of the late Branson and Jane (Crisler) Cranor. Married September 15, 1888 to Eli B. Banta, who died July 12, 1937. The Banta home was located five miles west of Portland.

Survived by one daughter, Mrs. Roy D. Hiatt, of Green township; one son A. Emerson Banta; a grandson, Arthur Banta, and great grandson Paul, both of Greenville, N.C. Two brothers, Luther Cranor, of Bluffton, and Alva Cranor of Reading, Michigan and two sisters, Mrs. Ida Claycomb of Greene township, and Mrs. Sarah Lawson, of Randolph county also survive.