

Berne Witness, Adams County, Indiana; Friday, May 7, 1920

FUNERAL TO BE HELD TOMORROW

FOR JACOB J. WULLIMAN AT MENNONITE CHURCH

Pioneer of This County Passed Away on Wednesday Morning after Long Suffering.

After having been an invalid for four and a half years, death came as a welcome relief to Jacob J. Wulliman at 9:20 on Wednesday morning. Mr. Wulliman, who was one of the pioneers of Adams county and a respected citizen of Berne, died at his home in the south part of town from the after-effects of influenza, from which he suffered during a period of three months. He had also been an invalid since November 1915, suffering from rheumatism.

Mr. Wulliman was well known throughout this part of the county, having been a farmer of French township until he moved to Berne in 1908. Everyone who knew him had learned to respect him and to admire his sterling character. Even during his long period of sickness, he had always borne this patiently and composedly, always ready for prevailing circumstances. At an early age he had joined the Mennonite church of which he had remained a faithful member until his death.

Jacob J. Wulliman was born at Keuchen, Kanton, Solothurn, Switzerland on December 21, 1840. He died on May 5, 1920, at the age of 79 years, 4 months and 14 days. In April 1852 he immigrated with his parents to this country, settling soon in French township, of this county. Mr. Wulliman was one of the pioneers who helped settle French township. At the time when he first settled there, all was practically in timber, only small tracts of the township having yet been cleared. The country at that time was still wild, wolves, foxes and deer being plentiful. From out of this timber and wild country, Mr. Wulliman, through hard work, brought about one of the finest and best farms in this county.

The deceased was married to Katherine Neuenschwander on April 2, 1868. To this union were born twelve children, seven of whom are still living. They are William and Lydia, Wayne; David, Menas and Melita, wife of Frank Siegrist, of French township, and Anna, wife of Aaron Augsburg, of this town.

In the spring of 1912, Mrs. Wulliman died, while a son, Noah, died in 1913. Beside these four children, Lena, Edward, Jacob and Bernhardt, died in early infancy. Surviving him beside the children are two sisters, Mrs. Peter F. Moser of French township and Mrs. David Soldner of Monroe township. A number of grandchildren and other relatives and friends also survive him.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at the home at 1:30 and at the Mennonite church at 2 o'clock. Burial will take place at the M.R.E. cemetery.

Contributed by Janice Vasilovski

Gleaned from other articles in newspaper: surviving son Levi Wulliman of Ft. Wayne left out of obit; Franklin Franz (of Louisville, KY) and parents Dr. and Mrs. E. Franz attend funeral of Uncle Jacob; G. A. Lehman of Bluffton, O. attend funeral of Uncle Jacob

Berne Witness, Adams County, Indiana; May 12, 1920

WILL OF JACOB J. WULLIMAN HAS BEEN PROBATED

WAS MADE ON August 21, 1909

Gives Property to Wife and to Children at Her Death

The will of the late Jacob Wulliman was admitted to probate in the Adams circuit court this morning. The instrument is dated August 21, 1909, and was witnessed by H. S. Michaud and Dore B. Erwin.

The will makes the usual provision for the payment of debts and funeral expenses, and then provides for the erection of a suitable monument to mark his last resting place. Item number three bequeaths the sum of \$500 to Caroline Chappius, who has made her home with the Wulliman family for several years. This sum is given to Miss Chappius providing she is living, and is not meant to go to her heirs in case she dies before Mr. Wulliman and is to be paid after the death of Mrs. Wulliman. Item four provides that the residue of the estate, real and personal, shall go to the wife, and be hers as long as she lives. At her death the children are to receive share and share alike. They are : Noah Wulliman, William Wulliman, Levi Wulliman, David Wulliman, Manassa Wulliman, Anna, Lydia and Melita Wulliman.

Since the will was made in 1909, Mrs. Wulliman and Miss Chappius both died, Mrs. Wulliman having died in 1912 and Miss Chappius in 1919. One son, Noah is also dead, he however, leaving a family. Miss Anna has been married to Aaron Augsburger and Miss Melita to Frank Siegrist, since the will was made. William Wulliman is admimistrator of the estate.

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