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JOHN RUMPLE, 75, COMMITS SUICIDE

Prominent Adams County Farmer Shoots Self Friday Afternoon

John Rumple, 75, retired Adams County farmer, committed suicide Friday afternoon at his deserted homestead, seven miles southwest of Berne, by shooting himself in the heart.

His body was found at 6:30 o'clock by his sister, Mrs. Frank Davis. A charge from a shotgun had caused probable instant death. Coroner John C. Grandstaff, in his suicide verdict, estimated that Rumple had been dead about four hours before his body was found.

Friday afternoon the aged man left the home of his daughter, Mrs. Cleo Pyle, near Geneva, where he had been living, with the statement that he was going to the old farm "to look around."

Hours passed and Rumple did not return. Mrs. Pyle became alarmed and telephoned Mrs. Davis, who went to the farm and found the body on the kitchen floor.

Rumple had been despondent over ill health and this is believed to have been the motive for his act.

Rumple was born near Hamilton, O., October 25, 1855. He spent his entire life in Adams county. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Pyle, Mrs. Jacob Zehr, near Hamilton, O., and Mrs. Joseph Buyer, of Sullivan; two sons, Dan and Jonathan, and four sisters, Mrs. Davis, Jefferson township, Adams County; Mrs. Martha Woodruff, of Jay county; Mrs. Emma Burley and Mrs. Edna Kramer, of Kokomo. His wife died two years ago.