

William F. Ritter Passes At Jay Farm Home

William F. Ritter, 80, well known farmer, died Tuesday at 11:45 p.m. at the family home two miles southwest of Portland. Mr. Ritter had been in failing health for sometime and his condition became serious last Friday.

Born in Germany on Dec. 2, 1869, he came to America at the age of 21, settling at Sadorus, Ill.

He was married Nov. 29, 1900 to Augusta Bialesthke, who survives, with five daughters, Mrs. Irvin Metzner, of Bryant; Mrs. James Geen, of LaFayette; Mrs. Henry Schabacker of Portland; Mrs. James McElray of Clumbus, and Mrs. Ora Baudaug, of near Portland; two sons, Everett Ritter, northwest of Bryant, and Carl Ritter, of San Diego, Calif., 12 grandchildren; and one brother, Rudolph Ritter, of Clayton, Mich.

The family moved to their present home in Jay County, March 1, 1912. Mr. Ritter was a member of the Lutheran Church.

The body was removed to the Baird Funeral Home, where friends may call. Funeral services will be held from the Baird Chapel, Saturday at 1:30 p.m., with interment to be made in Green Park Cemetery.

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