

## **Martha Moritz**

**August 30, 1900 – Jan. 17, 1924**

### **DEATH CLAIMS YOUNG WOMAN**

#### **End Comes Rather Suddenly to Mrs. Ernest Moritz**

Mrs. Ernest Moritz, life-long resident of Washington township, and one of the esteemed young women of this vicinity, passed quietly away at the family home, six miles southwest of the village shortly before 9 o'clock last Thursday evening. She had been in ailing health for more than a year but her condition of late had been no worse than usual, hence her sudden and unexpected demise came as a crushing blow to the bereaved husband and other relatives who were near and dear to her. Her death not only brought immeasurable sadness to the family circle but the unwelcome announcement was received with deep sorrow by neighbors and friends as well.

Martha Ritschard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Ritschard, was born in Washington township on August 30, 1900.

She attended the public school in her home neighborhood. Reared in a Christian home she was always a faithful attendant at Sunday school and took a sincere and active interest in all church work. She attended catechetical instruction in 1915-16 and was confirmed with a class of nine, her husband, Ernest Moritz, being a member of the same class.

Her marriage to Mr. Moritz occurred on Feb. 5, 1920, and to this union was born two children—one son and one daughter.

Mrs. Moritz had been in failing health since she suffered a serious attack of paralysis some two or three years ago. This left her in a greatly weakened condition and she never fully regained her strength, although for several months thereafter she was able to be about and assist with the housework. Her condition the past year had been discouraging, however, and despite the fact that she had the best of care and medical attention, and for a time was under treatment at the Monroe hospital, all efforts to restore her health proved unavailing.

Besides the bereaved husband she is survived by two small children, Marion, aged 3, and Carl, aged 2. She is also survived by (words missing) sisters, namely: Mrs. Clarence Holcomb, Washington township, and Misses Ruth and Arlene Ritschard, and Paul and Herman, at home. 8 brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 1:15 at the home at 2 o'clock at the Washington Reformed church. Although the weather was very cold a large number of sympathizing friends were present to pay their last last tribute of respect to the departed.

Interment was in the Washington Reformed cemetery.