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Benoit Perry Johnson was born and raised in Adams County. Benoit's father was Walter Perry Johnson and his mother was Clainda (Mills) Johnson. He was born on December 14th, 1903. He had 10 brothers and sisters. Benoit was 7th among the kids. Benoit's father, Walter, was a farmer and businessman who prided himself in what he did and who died at the age of only 38. Benoit was only in his 30's when his father died.

As he got older, Benoit became a farmer like his father, along with being a businessman. He eventually would settle down and marry Della Longenberger, and together they would have 6 kids. They, as a family, attended the Pleasant Mills and Wilshire Methodist Church. Benoit had happened to also be apart of the St Mary's township trustee for a number of years. Della was a schoolteacher before she met and married Benoit. However because schoolteachers back then could not be married she was forced to quit her job and become a homemaker and care for the children they would have in the future.

On the farm the children helped with daily chores and cared for the livestock which consisted of cows, hogs, and other various animals. That also included them even housing a hundred ewes during winter every year. Walter was like his father in many ways, and sadly died July 27, 1972.

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