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DEAR LEONARD,

RECEIVED YOUR LETTER AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN SWARTZ IS NOT MY
COUSIN. I HAVE AN UNCLE WHOSE GRANDFATHER JOHN SWARTZ IS NOT
JOHN A. THE SON OF IS OR IS AND NEVER MARRIED. THIS IS WHAT WE
LOVE DAN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION. I DO REMEMBER HIM AS A
SMALL CHILD AND DO REMEMBER WHEN HE DIED. I HAD MY OWN SON
AND AM ENJOYING IT FOR YOU TO READ

THEIR HAVE BEEN SEVERAL SEARCHING FOR A CONNECTION WITH YOU TO
OUR SWARTZ FAMILY.

WE ALL KNOW HE HAD A SISTER BELLE IN MI AND HE WAS BORN IN MI AND
THAT IS ALL THAT WAS KNOWN UNTIL I FOUND THE BODY. I HAVE CHECKED
ALL THE CENSUS IN MI AND THEY ALL GIVE THE SAME INFO.

JOHN SWARTZ WENT TO SANDUSKY, OH AND DROVE THE HORSES. I RAN THE
BOATS ON THE TIRE CANAL, FROM TOLEDO TO FT WAYNE. HE GOT TO
KANDILLVILLE, IN, AND MET LAURA ACHON AND GOT MARRIED. SHE IS MY
BEST GRANDMOTHER.

I WOULD BE VERY HAPPY IF HE BELONGED TO YOUR FAMILY, BUT I DON'T
RE CONNECTION IN YOUR CHARTS. I FEEL IF I EVER GET TIME TO
RESEARCH THIS I NEED TO GET CENSUS IN BENTON HARBOR, MI AND CHECK
TO SEE IF BELLE GIVES THE SAME INFORMATION AS JOHN DID. HE WOULD
NEVER TALK ABOUT HIS FAMILY, NOT EVEN TO HIS CHILDREN.

I ALSO HAVE AN IBM PERSONAL COMPUTER AND LOVE IT. I AM WORKING
ON MY MOTHERS FAMILY NOW AND HAVE NOT DONE ANY RESEARCH ON
SWARTZ, BUT SEVERAL HAVE.

BELLE MAXWAM HAD 2 DAUGHTERS, CORA AND ANNE. BUT NO ONE KNOWS
WHO THEY MARRIED. YOU MIGHT WANT TO E. CLIFF ADAMS - B. W. 4 BOX
6713 - BENTON, ARK 72016.
SHE WAS WORKING ON THIS FAMILY IN AUG 1985.

I WILL PUT YOUR INFORMATION IN MY FILES AND IF I EVER GET ANY
INFORMATION ON MY SWARTZ FAMILY AND YOU CONNECT I WILL LET YOU
KNOW. IF YOU FIND A JOHN AND BELLE SWARTZ, IN THE SAME WAY I
ALREADY INFORM ME. THANK YOU

BEVERLY,

BEVERLY SHANK
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Beverly Shank

1880 census - Noble Co. IN.

Swartz, John 25 yrs born OH. Father and Mother
Born PA.

Laura 20 yrs born In. father b. Md-
mother b. Oh.

Lewis age 2 born In. Fa. b. Oh. Ma. b. In.

1944
**JOHN SWARTZ,
RESIDENT HERE
70 YEARS, DIES**

**Uremic Poisoning Is Fatal To
Nonagenarian; Funeral
Is Wednesday**

John Swartz, aged 96 years, one of Kendallville's oldest residents, died Sunday at 12:15 p.m., at the home of his son, Harry Swartz, Wood street, of uremic poisoning. He had been in failing health since February, but was bedfast for only the past two weeks.

He was born September 6, 1848, in Wappokeneta, O., where he spent his early childhood. He later moved to Indiana and made his home in Kendallville for the last 70 years. For several years, resided with his son, Harry.

He was united in marriage to Laura Eldena Octon, in 1876, in Sturgis, Mich. To this union were born 11 children, six sons and five daughters.

For many years he worked as a mason and later as a truck gardener.

Surviving are five sons, Harry, Charles, James and Earl of this city and William of Wawaka; two daughters Mrs. Ellen Duncan Everett, O., and Mrs. Pearl Warble, R.R., Kendallville. A sister, Mrs. Belle Maxham, Benton Harbor, Mich., also survives. There are 31 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. The wife, three daughters and one son preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at the A. J. Berhalter company funeral home Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., Rev. H. W. Mount of the Church of Christ, officiating. Interment, Lakeview cemetery.

name, John B. Swartz

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