

**John Brady Watters**, (25 Jun 1856 – 13 Jul 1924), Altoona Mirror, Monday, July 14, 1924. Altoona, Blair Co., PA, Page 1: Tyrone Man Looks For Berries; Dies

**John Brady Watters**, Employed by Paper Company in Tyrone, Takes Walk and Lifeless Body Is Found

Going out on what is known as the ridge, back of the plant of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper company, near Tyrone, to look for huckleberries yesterday afternoon, **John Brady Watters**, a janitor at the paper mill, died while on the walk and the body was found by his son **Jesse Watters** and Scoutmaster **William Barr** this morning at 2:15 o'clock. **Mr. Watters** left his home yesterday morning to go to his work and told his wife before leaving that if the weather was nice he would take a walk out over the ridge to see if there were any huckleberries and that if he found any he would lay off a day or two this week and gather some. He left the paper mill at 1 o'clock and took his dinner bucket with him and had it clasped in his hand when his lifeless body was found. He had evidently died late in the afternoon, death being due to either apoplexy or heart failure.

**Mr. Watters** was born at Honey Grove, Juniata County, June 25, 1856, the son of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Jesse Watters**. He came to Tyrone twenty years ago and had been employed by the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company for the past eighteen years. He was united in marriage with **Miss Nannie J. Milliken** on Nov. 3, 1876, who survives, with these children: **Mrs. J. Wertz** and **Mrs. R. C. Hagerty** of Bellwood, and **Mrs. Louis Berkstresser** and **John B. Watters**, both of Tyrone. He is also survived by one sister, **Jessie Watters** of Altoona. He was a member of the United Brethren Church of Tyrone and the Relief association of the paper company. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of his daughter **Mrs. Rose A Berkstresser**, Bald Eagle Avenue and Twelfth Street, Tyrone. When **Mr. Watters** failed to return home last evening, alarm was felt for his safety and an organized effort was made to find him. At midnight the volunteer firemen were called out and parties composed of firemen and Boy Scouts were organized and the hunt was started. It was supposed that he would be found somewhere on the ridge and the party directed the search in that direction. The body was found in a clearing made for the power line which crosses the ridge. Coroner Chester C. Rothrock was notified of the death and went to Tyrone this afternoon to make an investigation.