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Elva Watt, who survives her husband, attended Central Normal College at Danville and Madame Blaker's Teachers College in Indianapolis. Before her marriage she taught at Elwood, Cumberland, and Avon. She has been active for many years in the Avon Methodist church and the Washington chapter of the International Travel-Study Club, and is a Past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Watt recalls that just prior to the passage of the 19th Amendment she helped poll the women of Washington Township regarding woman suffrage. The year women first voted she served on the Election Board.

The Watts were the parents of two children, Clarice Eloise Watt Heisman, of Palos Verdes, California and James William Watt, a World War II veteran, of rural route, Plainfield. Mrs. Watt still resides on the family farm on Dan Jones Road.

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