

John Wirth Sr.
Dec. 14, 1894 - Aug. 31, 1959
John Wirth Sr., Monticello, Dies

John Wirth Sr., 64, Monticello, died at 4:50 p.m. yesterday in St. Clare hospital, a short time after he was admitted. He was stricken with a heart attack in the Monticello business district and rushed by ambulance to the hospital.

Mr. Wirth, a retired Exeter Township farmer who moved to the village in 1946, was born Dec. 14, 1894, in Herisau, Canton Appenzell, Switzerland. He was the son of John and Maria Widmer Wirth and came to the Monticello vicinity in 1911. He was married at Monticello on Dec. 11, 1919 to Leonia May Staley.

He was a member of Zwingli United Church of Christ at Monticello.

Surviving are his wife; eight children: John Jr., Monticello; Wilbert, Juda; Airman 1st Class Walter, Shilling Air Force Base, Salina, Kan., and S/4C Edwin Wirth, Augsburg, Germany; Mrs. Robert (Viola) Holcomb Jr., Mrs. Werner (Wilma) Saxer; Mrs. Ralph (Mabel) Zimmerman and Mrs. Harland (Nellie) Babler, all of Monticello; five sisters, Mrs. Henry E. Enz, San Gabriel, Calif.; Mrs. Lena Herrmann, Monrovia, Calif.; Mrs. James Burgin, Paradise, Calif.; Mrs. Dan Matthews, Ontario, Calif.; and Miss Marie Frieda Wirth, Herisau, Switzerland, and 35 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson and his parents.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Voegeli funeral home in Monticello awaiting word from relatives.

NOTE: Interred in Highland cemetery, Monticello.