

**Walter Emil Voegeli**  
**May 5, 1895 – March 1939**

**Conduct Last Rites Tuesday for Walter E. Voegeli, Aged 43**  
**Many Attend Services. for Well Known Brown Swiss Breeder**

Funeral services for Walter Emil Voegeli, 43 years of age, life-long resident of Washington township, who passed away at about 11 o'clock Saturday night in his home on the farm which he operated in partnership with his brother, Jacob, were conducted at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon in the Voegeli farm home and at 2 in the Zwingli Reformed church, Monticello.

Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiated and interment was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers, all neighbors, were as follows: Conrad and Fred Stauffacher, J. M. and Nic. Freitag, O. H. Zentner and Ernest Schweitzer. Mr. Voegeli was a member of the Fred Amstutz Post No. 256, American Legion and burial rites were conducted under Legion auspices.

**Ill Several Months**

Last December Mr. Voegeli first became ill with heart and kidney trouble and was for a number of weeks a patient in the Deaconess hospital, Monroe. Although Mr. Voegeli felt in fairly good spirits during the major portion of the time since returning home from the hospital, he was unable to be up and around much and was never able to take an active part in conducting the activities about the farm which he took such a great interest in.

Early Saturday evening he took part in games at his home with his family and friends and seemed to be in high spirits. Sometime after retiring he awakened to find that he was suffering a severe pain in this chest. Doctors were summoned and a while later he breathed his last, death having been caused by a heart attack,

**Born on Same Farm**

Mr. Voegeli was born on the Voegeli homestead farm where he always lived, May 5, 1895, a son of Jacob and Verena Freitag Voegeli. He attended the Voegeli rural school and was drafted into the service. He received his discharge from headquarters at Camp Grant, Rockford, in October, 1918. He was united in marriage to Lydia Blum Oct, 21, 1920, the ceremony having been conducted at his home by Rev. A. Muehlmeier.

In partnership with his brother, Jacob, he carried on the work of breeding pure bred Brown Swiss cattle which was started by their father, the late Jacob Voegeli. During their years of dairy farming the brothers established themselves among the leading Brown Swiss cattle breeders in the country.

**A Severe Shock**

The death of Mr. Voegeli came as a severe shock to his many friends in this community as well as elsewhere and news of his sudden and untimely death caused sincere regret among them all. His many years of cattle breeding had established for him a reputation of unquestioned honesty and fair dealing and he was always held in high esteem by those with whom he dealt. He was a kind and considerate husband and father and a progressive dairyman.

Mr. Voegeli was a member of the local Masonic lodge, the Zwingli Reformed church and of the Legion unit.

Surviving are the widow, one daughter, Caroline, and one son, Richard, both at home; four brothers, Fred, a twin, Joe and Jacob, Monticello, and John, Lodi; and one sister, Mrs. Fred Wild, Belleville. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Mrs. Henry Duerst, Monticello, and two brothers in infancy.