

Gottfrid Widmer

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Gottfrid Widmer, 70, Former Local Resident, Expires Rites Held Friday P. M. For Former Pioneer Cheesemaker

Funeral services for Gottfrid Widmer, aged 70, Oshkosh, prominent Winnebago county Holstein breeder and former well known Exeter township farmer, who died in his home on the outskirts of that city on Tuesday morning of last week following a lingering illness of several months' duration, were conducted in Oshkosh Friday afternoon.

A native of Switzerland, Mr. Widmer came to this country when he was about 20 years old and settled in this community. For several years he followed the cheesemaking trade, having made cheese at the pioneer Limburger factories which were then in operation on the Nic Freitag and Steussy farms in those early days. Later Mr. Widmer purchased what is now known as the Fred Baumgartner farm in Exeter township, disposing of it a little over 30 years ago and moving with his family to Oshkosh. Here he purchased a dairy farm just outside the city limits, a farm which the Widmers still own although they retired from active farming themselves about a year and a half ago.

Mrs. Widmer, whose maiden name was Emma Weissmiller, is the last survivor of the once well known Weissmiller family which was among the early pioneers of Washington township. She still has many relatives residing in Monticello and Monroe.

Survivors besides the widow are two daughters, Mrs. Flora Baranowski and Mrs. Helen Steffen, both of Oshkosh,

Attending the funeral services from here were John Dick, Wilbert J. Dick, C. W. Karlen, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Baumgartner, and Mrs. Emil Elmer. Also at the rites were Mr. and Mrs. George Bidlingmaier and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Weissmiller, Monroe,