[Wilmarth, Frank H.]

PIERREPONT NATIVE DIES

Frank H. Wilmarth Drops Dead Beside Truck

Frank H. Wilmarth, 68, veteran farmer, dropped dead shortly after 7 p.m. Thursday morning in the barn at his farm on the Old Dekalb road outside Canton, just as he was about to step into his milk truck. Dr. Fred H. Ladd, attending physician, told members of the family death was due to a heart attack.

Wilmarth left his house apparently well and had shown no signs of the impending attack during his preparation for the regular morning trip to a Canton condensary plant. His body was found beside the truck on the barn floor by members of the family who went to the barn to determine what was delaying the trip to the condensary. Dr. Ladd was called to examine the body.

Mr. Wilmarth was born April 16, 1870 in Pierrepont, of [Ira?] and Ellen Washburn Wilmarth. His parents were natives of Vermont. He received his education in Pierrepont and Canton schools and began farming as a young man with his father.

In 1889 he went to California remaining there until 1894. Upon his return to this state lie again took up farming. He married Abbie Leonard of Canton, July 4, 1897. For the past 20 years he has operated a farm just outside Canton on the Old Dekalb road. He was a member of Crary Mills Grange 54.

The morning trip to the milk plant was a part of his daily program which he did not miss for several years.

Besides his wife he is survived by one brother, H. M. Wilmarth of Maronett, Wis.; one sister, Mrs. Mary Jones of East Orange, N. J.; one son, Clifford Wilmarth of Canton; one daughter, Mrs. Donald [Marjorie] Sherman, and one granddaughter, Eleanor Sherman, both of Canton.

Services were held Sunday at 2 p. m. at the home, Dr. James M. Payson, 85, pastor emeritus of the First Universalist church officiated. Burial was in Evergreen cemetery vault. Mr. Wilmarth was the 10th person to die of heart attack within a few days in St. Lawrence county. A physician points out that low temperatures cause a strain on a weakened heart and where there is exertion death may result.

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