

LOOKING BACK

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Henry L. Hartwig dies suddenly **September 25, 1947 *State Center Enterprise***

Henry L. Hartwig, well known State Center farmer and prominent central Iowa livestock buyer, died suddenly in a local business house about three thirty o'clock last Friday afternoon. Death resulted from a stroke. He had not been ill and was in his usual good health just before the stroke came.

He was the son of Louis and Johanna Hartwig, pioneer residents of the French Grove settlement north of State Center. He was born April 19, 1872, in Minerva township, where he lived his entire life. His father was one of the nine founders of St. John's Lutheran church, who signed the original constitution April 17, 1865.

Mr. Hartwig attended St. John's parochial school, was confirmed in the Lutheran faith and became a member of St. John's Church. On December 10, 1896, he was married to Minnie Smith. They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last December.

He was engaged in farming during his early life. Later he took up livestock buying and for many years has served as a local buyer for several Chicago commission firms and packing houses.

Mr. Hartwig was deeply interested in athletics and has been a staunch supporter of the State Center baseball teams for many years.

He is survived by his widow, three children, Mrs. Harold W. Nolta of State Center, Mrs. Dwight Eggers of Monmouth, Ill., and Alvin Hartwig of State Center, ten grand children and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Alma.

(Burial at Hillside /H/)