

JOHN JACOB BRECHT 775
John Jacob Brecht, 87, longtime resident and farmer of Platte Co., died at the Platte Co. Memorial Nursing Home, Wheatland, Thursday, Aug. 22.

He was the son of John and Mary Brecht. Born April 19, 1889, in a German settlement in Russia, he came to the United States when he was seven years of age. The family homesteaded in Alliance, Neb. There, he grew up and married Ethel Swanson. She died in 1964. They moved to Chicago, Ill. in 1924 where he worked for years as an operator for the utility company. They later moved to Wheatland and began farming. He was a resident of the nursing home for the last two years.

He is survived by two sons, John Jr. of Las Vegas, Nev and Harry of Wheatland; one daughter, Arlene Wilhelm of Wheatland; one brother, John E. of Torrington; three sisters, Kathryn Ascherebrenner of Scottsbluffe, Charlotte Heilburn of Minatare, Neb., and Molly Lipscomb of Memphis, Tenn.; seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Alex, Fred and Harry and one grandson.

Services were held at the Schrader-Prell Funeral Chapel Mon., Aug 26 with burial in the Wheatland Cemetery. Pastor Scott Leonard officiated.