

John E. Wechter Dies Saturday At Son's Home Rites Tuesday For Former Adams County Treasurer

John E. Wechter, 91, of Blue Creek township, a retired farmer and former treasurer of Adams county, died at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the home of his son, Delmore Wechter, several miles northeast of Berne. He had been ill the past week and in failing health for several months.

Wechter, a Democrat, was treasurer of Adams county from 1932 through 1936. He was prominent not only in politics but in civic circles and was one of the most widely known Adams county citizens. The treasurer's post was the only elective office he ever held.

He was born April 2, 1871, in Crawford county, Ohio. He was married to Rosa Larimer, who preceded in death July 4, 1945. Mr. Wechter spent most of his life in Blue Creek township.

In addition to his son, survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Glenn Workinger, of Monroe, and Mrs. Paul Edwards, Decatur; nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren. Two brothers and a sister preceded in death.

Rev. William Powers will officiate in Willshire, Ohio Methodist church at 1 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be in Willshire cemetery.

Friends may call at the Zwick Funeral home in Decatur until 11 a.m. Tuesday when the body will be taken to the church to lie in state until the time of the services.

Mr. Wechter was a member of the Willshire Methodist church and the K. of P. lodge in Willshire. (Monday, April 9, 1962)

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