

Delos B. Wilder, Son Of Ranch Founder, Dies

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Delos Burton Wilder, 86, whose father, with L. R. Baldwin, founded the 4030-acre Wilder ranch on the Coast road, died yesterday at a local hospital.

The first child to ride cross-country on the Union Pacific train, when his parents made a visit east, Wilder was 6 years old when his father, Deloss Dwight Wilder, left his small dairy in Marin county to pioneer Santa Cruz county development. He was born in Olema, Marin county.

Wilder, with his brother, Melvin, continued operation of the giant Coast ranch property after their father died. His brother died 10 years ago. His wife, Louise, whom he married in 1906, preceded him in death in 1922.

He retired 25 years ago and moved to Santa Cruz. His home was at 219 Union street.

Surviving him are a sister-in-law, A. Gertrude Laramie; a niece, Ethel Wilder Cooper and a nephew, former supervisor, Deloss R. Wilder, all of Santa Cruz. He also is survived by three grand-nephews, Don Wilder Falconer and Deloss D. Wilder of Santa Cruz and Williamson Wilder of Hollywood.

Private services will be conducted by Rev. Paul S. Kurtz at 10 a.m. tomorrow in the Wessendorf chapel. Private cremation will follow, with final interment in the family plot of the IOOF cemetery.