

Wm. Helfrich Dies In Hospital in Los Angeles Monday

**Was Pioneer Belleview
District Rancher**

William Helfrich, pioneer rancher of the Belleview District, died early Monday morning in the Los Angeles County General Hospital. He had been in failing health for some time, and about ten days before his death, reported to a Valley doctor who in turn advised him to go to the County Hospital immediately for care.

Funeral arrangements have not been made, as they are held up pending the arrival tomorrow of a sister, Miss Winnie Helfrich, from New York City. Another sister, Mrs. Katherine Bossdorf, of 147-40 Delaware Ave., Flushing, Long Island, New York, visited Mr. Helfrich at Palmdale last spring, seeing him for the first time in thirty-five years. A brother, Carl Helfrich, resides at Snohomish, Washington, and it is understood that there are other relatives in the East, as well as in the Netherlands.

Mr. Helfrich was a diligent rancher, specializing in the growing of almonds, and in the raising of cattle. He had gained considerable fame throughout the county because of his knowledge of the stars and his ability to predict weather almost uncannily. He was a member of the Belleview School Board, and very active in the management of affairs of that district. He had been for many years the writer of the "Belleview Items" column for the South Antelope Valley Press.

Mr. Helfrich was a native of Holland, and was in his sixties at the time of his death.

More complete details will be given next week.