At 88, Mr. Jacob Wirtz Back on Realization of Dream

Her parents are Grandma Bush.

Jacob & Frances
Maiden name (Berger)

Johanna
like grandma Bush

My Grandmother's sister

She had a sister (Pauline).
The group was given lodging for the night when they arrived in Buenos Aires. During the night, Mrs. Wirtz’ sister-in-law became desperately ill. Early that morning Mrs. Wirtz, with a dictionary in hand, sought out the man in charge of their accommodations. With gestures and pointing to key words in the dictionary she made him understand that the sick woman needed hospital attention, preferably where German was understood. This was done and although the child died, the mother was saved.

Mrs. Wirtz’ brother had settled in the sub-tropical southern part of the country where such crops as peanuts and cotton were raised. “We had no experience with this kind of farming so we stayed there only a few weeks and then went to the province of Parana, settling near Entre Rios.

But they were not happy in Argentina. They were greatly disillusioned over the Argentine school system — or lack

Every good friend and neighbor as well as family has been recipient of the beautiful baby sweaters she crochets. “I must have made at least 50 of them,” she twirls as she displays the latest one she has completed.

Every child and grandchild has been given a beautiful afghan worked by her loving hands, and all the women of the family possess one of her lovely crocheted stoles, like the one she is wearing in her picture. She turns out attractive aprons and embroidered pillowcases by the dozens. “We give her materials and printed cloths and cases as gifts, trying to keep up with her,” say family members. She never forgets a birthday and even the great-grandchildren living far across the country can expect to receive a birthday cake from her!

And what of the dream to educate the children? Her son, George, is a well-known Mandan dentist and his two sons, James and Richard, are also dentists, associated with him in the Wirtz Dental Office at Mandan. Both of her daughters became school teachers Clementine a grade teacher and later principal for a number of years at Central School and Frances as a home economics teacher.

Sadness has touched her life, as it does all. Frances, nee Mrs. Gilbert Baker of Minneapolis, was killed in a car accident in 1937. Clementine, later Mrs. James Stein, died in California in 1959. Also a blow was the early death of Mrs. Baker’s daughter, a bright young woman who had achieved a doctor of psychology degree.

But Mrs. Wirtz maintains her cheerful attitude toward life and is known for her sense of humor. Last year the elder Dr. Wirtz took a night Spanish course at BJC preparatory to a vacation trip to Mexico. On his arrival home from the trip, he greeted his mother with a Spanish salutation. He delights to tell how she answered him — in Spanish!
Jacob & Frances Berger

Barbara - sisters - Johann Busch - their husbands - Jacob Wirtz

Johann Busch - their parents - my grandparents

my grandmother (grandmother)

my grandfather (grandfather)

Pauline Busch - their children - (my mother)

married Christian Jundt

and 9 siblings (my dad)

me (George) and my 4 siblings

Frances (daughter)

Clementine

George

The newspaper article is from 1966 Mandan Pioneer about her and her family.