

# Michel F. Amestoy, 73, Descendant of Pioneer Encino Family, Passes

Michel Francois Amestoy, 73, descendant of a pioneer Encino family, died yesterday at his home at 3330 Club Drive, West Los Angeles.

Mr. Amestoy's father, Domingo Amestoy, came to Southern California from France during the 1850s and bought 5000 acres of ranch land from the Avila family, owners of the original Spanish land grant.

The Amestoy ranch extended

from what is now Encino to Sherman Oaks, and included that stretch of Ventura Blvd. running between the two communities.

Mr. Amestoy devoted his life to operating his father's estate, valued at almost \$7,000,000, and was president of the estate until it was dissolved during the 1920s.

The Amestoy family still owns considerable property in the En-

cino area. The Amestoy Building, at Main and Market Sts., was built by Domingo Amestoy and is standing today.

Mr. Amestoy was born at another of the family's ranches, in what is now Gardena. He was educated at St. Vincent's College, now Loyola University and was a charter member of the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

He leaves three sons, William J. of Rutland, Vt., and John S. and Michel F. Jr., both of Los Angeles; a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Amestoy Stangler, and a brother and sister, Joseph P. Amestoy and Mrs. Charles W. Wills, all of Los Angeles.

Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. tomorrow and Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Timothy's Catholic Church at 10443 W Pico Blvd. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery.

## BUNKO MEN GET \$4000 FROM RETIRED FARMER

Stephen G. Wills, 70, retired Nebraska farmer, played hold the handkerchief with a couple of Long Beach bunko men yesterday and lost \$4000 of his \$4200 life savings.

tained his passbook and withdrew the \$4000 from a savings association. Then he went back to collect his bet winnings.

The two men admitted he had beat them and said they would

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