

George L. Riedesel Suicides

George L. Riedesel, who farmed five miles north of Calamus, committed suicide about 6:30 Sunday morning, July 19th, by taking strychnine. He had announced his intention to do some field work early while it was still cool, and his wife was coming from the barn where she had been milking when she heard him call to her. She entered the house to find him just able to tell what he had done, and she immediately went to a neighbor for help. Dr Riedesel was summoned but the action of the poison had been immediate and the victim was dead. No definite reason was given for the act.

George L. Riedesel was born Sept. 19, 1883, in Wunderthausen, Germany and came to America with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Riedesel, in 1906, and settled on the farm south of town. He was a member of St. Paul's Reformed church here.

He was married to Miss Minnie Fox of near Wheatland, on Feb. 27, 1913, and they have lived on different farms in this vicinity since that time.

He leaves his widow and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Lisetta Kroh of Clarence, Mrs. John Strackbein, Mrs. Frank Strackbein, Mrs. Albert Strackbein and Miss Katrina Riedesel, of near Wheatland, Gustav and Adolph of Dixon, Fred and Louis H. of Blue Grass, and other relatives in this country and Germany.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon with short services at the home north of Calamus at 3 o'clock, and at St. Paul's Reformed church here later, with burial in St. Paul's cemetery. Rev. Thomas of the Evangelical Lutheran church at Lowden, officiated.