

Obituary.

Henry D. Riedesel was born June 22, 1841, in Wunderthausen near Wittgenstein in the province Westphalia, Germany. He spent his youth in the old country. After his confirmation he learned a trade as is customary in Germany, and became a stone mason.

At the age of 23 years he enlisted in the army during which period in 1866 he took active part in the war between Austria and Russia and fought in the bloody and decisive battle at Koenig Graetz, after which the war was soon ended.

In the year 1876 young Mr. Riedesel came to America with his parents and settled in Kansas City. From there he came one year later to Wheatland and took up farming. In 1871 he was married to Miss Katherine Knabel. Four children were born to them, namely—Henry, Frank, Emelia and Julius. His wife died in 1887, and he was married in 1889 to Miss Louise Rixe. They had five children, three dying in infancy, the two living ones being Herman and Martha.

About nine years ago Mr. Riedesel quit farming and settled here in Wheatland with his family to enjoy the fruits of his labor and hard toiling. For the last six years he has suffered with bodily infirmities but was still able to be around and help himself until suddenly and unexpectedly, last Monday evening, January 26th, he was called hence by a heart stroke, at the age of 75 years, 7 months and 7 days. His wife and his five children, Frank, Julius, Herman and Martha, also Mrs. Emelia Hamdorf, of Toronto, mourn the loss of their dear husband and father. He also leaves two grandchildren and two brothers, Louis and George besides a large number of other relatives and friends.

He was a good and faithful member of our St. Paul's Church, serving his church for many years as a member of the Consistory. He was always of a cheerful, jovial nature, and his hearty laugh was as a tonic to his friends. He will be most sorely missed by all who knew him.

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He was baptized Johann Heinrich, but like many was known by his middle name. The "D" was only an initial he took in this country.

The village of Wunderthausen is not "near" but "in" the one-time County of Wittgenstein.

His military service was during the war between Prussia and Austria in 1866, ending in the battle of Königgrätz.

His first wife's family name was variously spelled Knebel and Knabel.

Notes by Dr. Paul Riedesel