

MRS GEORGE STRACKBEIN.

Anna Catherine Delkord was born on April 25th, 1834, at Wundershausen, Westphalia, Germany. She came to America in 1857, residing first for about a year near Wheatland, Ia. The next year she came to Lowden and has resided near here ever since. After she had been here about a year she was married to James Anderson, after whose early death deceased was married to George Strackbein in 1864.

Mrs. Strackbein had never been sick much, but during the past two weeks she had been slightly indisposed, but still was able to be about, even Tuesday, the day before she died, the old lady had attended to her usual work, and was the last one to retire in the evening. She extinguished the light, and went to bed as usual. During the night she asked Mr Strackbein to get her a drink of water. Nothing more was said, her husband got the water for her, and soon went to sleep. He got up in the morning, attending to the chores, while one of their granddaughters, who was with them of late, prepared the breakfast. In calling the old lady for breakfast they noticed that she was very sick, and a neighbor was asked to summon a physician from Lowden. When the doctor arrived he saw at once that there was no help, and thirty minutes later Mrs. Strackbein was no more. The physician pronounced the immediate cause of her death to be pneumonia, having during the night unknown to anyone developed an awful high fever. Her advanced age could not offer the resistance of a younger and stronger constitution, but the Angel of Death made her suffering of short duration.

She died Wednesday morning, May 8th, at their home two miles west of Lowden at the age of 73 years and 13 days. Her husband, three daughter, one son, nineteen grandchildren and one great grandchild survive to mourn her demise.

Funeral will be held tomorrow, Saturday, at eleven o'clock a. m. from the house and services at the Evangelical church at Lowden. Rev. Werning will officiate. The old lady will be laid to rest on the family lot at the Lowden cemetery.

Deceased was one of the very oldest settlers in this community, and during her half century residence in this vicinity, she has been highly respected by all who knew her. She has perhaps went through more hardships and trouble than the average person, but in christian faith she bore up bravely. She was called by all who knew her, a good woman. Friede Ihrer Asche.

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Her maiden name was Delcourt. The German phrase at the very end means something like "Peace be to her remains."

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