

John Keller.

Born Sept. 25, '31. Died May 17, '07

Another of our old and respected citizens has been called by death, and relatives and friends mourn. John Keller, who suffered a sudden stroke of paralysis last week Wednesday, resulting from apoplexy, passed away Friday night. He had been about his work in the wagon shop as usual, but was stricken helpless and in that condition was found and carried to his bed and gradually grew worse.

John Keller was born September 25, 1831, at Diedenshausen, Westphalia, Germany. He was married there in 1860 to Katrina Homrighausen, and to them three children were born. In 1868, his wife and children were taken from him by diphtheria, and two years later in November he came to this country, and settled first at this place.

On May 13, 1871, he was married to Wilhelmine Schneider, and shortly after their marriage they moved to Lowden, where he commenced the trade of wagon-maker and blacksmithing. They lived at Lowden until 1885, when they moved to Holstein and Arcadia, returning to Wheatland again in 1890, where they have since made their home. To them were born four children, three dying in infancy. He leaves his wife, daughter, Mrs. Lydia Carroll, of Davenport; two sisters, Mrs. Geo. Homrighausen of this place, and Mrs. Philip Homrighausen of Big Rock; all of whom were here with him during his last hours on earth.

Mr. Keller was a staid member of the German Reformed church at this place, a sober, industrious man whom everyone liked and respected. He was proficient in his trade, and his brand was considered to class the quality of work done as exceptionally high. Quiet and unassuming he lived among his friends and relatives, and as quietly he passed from them. Peace be to him in his final rest.

The funeral services were conducted at the German Reformed church Monday afternoon at half past one o'clock, preceded by short services at home, Rev. J. Link officiating. The church was crowded, the sermon was fine and the floral offerings beautiful. Interment took place at the High German cemetery.

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