

Death of Mrs. Homrighausen

Katherine Wilhelmine Keller, was born September 23, 1843, in Diedenshausen, West Falen, Germany. In March 1867 she came to America, and this place where on November 30th of the same year, she was united in marriage with John H. Schneider. To this union were born five children: Anna, Joseph, Emil, Rudolph and Henry. The father died March 14th, 1880, and four years later she was married to George Homrighausen, who survives her together with the children mentioned and her sister, Mrs. Phillip Homrighausen. She also leaves fourteen grandchildren. Her children were all in attendance at the funeral which was one of the best attended in many years. The commodious German Reformed church was filled to its capacity and many were unable to get in. She was a faithful conscientious member of the church from the time she located here, and her friends were indeed numerous.

Until about eight years ago she resided on the homestead farm southwest of town, where her son Henry J. Schneider and family are now living. Since leaving the farm she and her husband have spent their days in a fine home erected for their comfort and enjoyment at the time they retired from farm life. The good woman had been subject to heart troubles for some time, and consequently when the last summons came and she passed away suddenly on Wednesday, March 18, 1914, it was not a surprise to those who knew of her condition.

The funeral was held at the German Reformed Church, and interment services at St. Paul's cemetery, Rev. John Gaterman officiating.

A good and noble woman has left us to receive her deserved reward and the world is the better for her having lived in it. Her memory will long remain in the hearts of her children, husband, and all who enjoyed her acquaintance.

Those in attendance from abroad were: Mrs. Minne Keller and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Carroll, of Davenport; Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Schneider, and Joseph Schneider, of Denver, Iowa; Ralph Schneider, now in attendance at the University at Iowa City; Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schneider, Mrs. Philip Schneider and sons, Chas. Boettger, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Strackbein, of Lowden.

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Her birth village of Diedenshausen lay in the German province of Westphalia (*Westfalen* in German). A sixth child, Edward, of the Schneider marriage (born 1869) died young and was not mentioned here.

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