

### Obituary.

John George Knoche was born May 10, 1844, in Wunderthausen, Westphalen, Germany, and came to America in 1868, settling on the farm south of Wheatland, now owned by Mrs. Mary Knoche.

In 1873 he was married to Elizabeth Morshen, and a few years later they purchased the William Batterson farm south of town, where they resided at the time of his death. To them were born ten children, seven sons and three daughters, all of whom survive him except two sons who passed away in infancy.

Prospering as the years rolled by, his life was spent in general farming, supplemented by raising and selling live stock, and buying and selling real estate. He was known everywhere as a man of integrity, one whose kindly face and cheerful greeting was welcome at every door, and his neighbors and friends best knew his sterling qualities.

Rearing his family in the paths of righteousness and honesty was his chief aim in life, and his conception of christianity went further than the church door—he practiced it every day of his life. Baptized and confirmed in Germany, he came to this country a firm believer, and was one of the founders of St. Paul's Reformed church at this place, holding the position of alderman for many years.

Had he lived but two years longer he and his good wife would have celebrated their golden wedding, but disease laid a heavy hand on him who had been a most powerful man in his prime, and he could not withstand its ravage, and he passed away Friday night, February 4th, 1921, at the ripe age of 76 years, 8 months and 25 days.

He leaves besides his aged wife, five sons and three daughters, namely, George L., Henry, Frank, Philip, William, and Mrs. Lizzie O'Neill, all of this vicinity. Mrs. Lena Burke, of Davenport, and Mrs. Harry Parker, of near Bennett. Two sisters, Mrs. Louis Schneider and Mrs. Franz Homrighausen, and fifteen grandchildren also mourn his death.

The funeral services were held at the home last Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock, with final services at St. Paul's cemetery, his five sons and one nephew, Louis Knoche, acting as pallbearers.

Thus has "Uncle" George, as he was familiarly known, passed to his eternal rest, and everyone who knew him will ever honor his memory

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His German name was Johann Georg but he was generally known as George (Sr.). His wife was born Elisabeth Mörchen, and she lived until 1942.

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