

CAROLINE ZELLER.

Born Aug. 13, '33 Died Apr. 10, '05.

Mrs. Caroline Zeller passed away at her home here Tuesday afternoon, after an illness of several weeks. About two weeks ago she suffered a stroke of paralysis, and shortly afterward, a second stroke. Since then she was unable to take any nourishment nor was conscious of her surroundings, until death kindly came to her release.

Caroline Schneider was born August 13, 1833, in Westphalia, Germany, coming to this country in 1844. Six years later she was married to Ludwig Derr, in Ohio, and they afterward came to this place to live. To them were born twelve children, of whom six are now living. They are Mrs. J. C. Bowling, Gauze, Texas; Mrs. Geo. Rettig, Rockdale, Texas; Mrs. Jacob Baumgartner, Corwith, Ia; Louis Derr, Battle Creek, Ia; Mrs. J. G. Wiese, Harbine, Neb; Geo. Derr, Wankonda, So. Dakota.

Her second marriage was with Joseph Zeller at this place in 1891. Mr. Zeller died a few years ago, and since that time she has made her home here with her step-son, Oscar Zeller. She is survived by two sisters Mrs. John Keller, of this place, and Mrs. F. Riedesel, of Lake City, Ia; and two brothers, Philip Schneider, of Lowden and one living in Davenport. Twenty grand children also survive her.

She was a member of the German Reformed church of this place, a firm believer in all that was right, bringing her children up to learn the teachings and wisdom of the Almighty one. A good neighbor and one whom was loved by all her friends. Patient and enduring until the last, she was wholly reconciled to meet death.

The services were held at the residence Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Link. Interment in the High German cemetery followed.

Those who were here to the funeral were Mrs. Jacob Baumgartner, Mrs. J. G. Wiese and Louis Derr.

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Her full name at birth was Anna Elisabeth Caroline but she was known as Caroline. The Schneider family did not come to America until 1848. It was a couple years later that she married Ludwig Dürr who was also a native of the village of Wunderthausen (he arrived in 1844).

There is no doubt that she and her first husband are buried in St. Paul's Cemetery but no marker exists today.

Notes by Dr. Paul Riedesel