John George Strackbein was born May 28, 1869, in Wundertausend, Westphalia, Germany. In 1894 he immigrated to the United States and came to Woodbury County where he worked on a farm for his cousin, George Strackbein. On February 18, 1903, he married Ida Burow. To them were born two sons and two daughters. The couple began farming 1 1/3 miles west of Midway. In 1907 the family moved to their permanent home. Mr. Strackbein was apparently in good health when he suddenly died on Friday, August 14, 1936, having attained the age of 67 years, 2 months and 16 days. He leaves to mourn his departure two sons, Willie and Albert, and two daughters, Frieda and Edna, two brothers and one sister living in Germany. Funeral services were held in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Midway, with Rev. C.F. Gottberg officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.