

Frederick Henry Fox

Surviving his 76th birthday by just eleven days, Frederick Fox passed away at his farm home southwest of Wheatland, on Friday, February 13th, 1931, following an illness of several months.

Frederick Henry Fox was born February 2, 1855, in Wunderthausen, Germany, where he was baptized in infancy and where he was confirmed at the age of 14 years in the Evangelical church.

He came to the United States in October, 1881, and came directly to Wheatland, Iowa, where he made his home for a number of years with his uncles, the late George and Louis Fox.

He was united in marriage to Katherine Homrighausen on March 14, 1890, and they have lived on the home farm, six miles southwest of Wheatland since that time.

Besides his wife he leaves six children, namely, Mrs. George Riedesel of near Lost Nation; Mrs. Fred Knabel of Big Rock; Walter of Wheatland; Oscar, Lloyd and Alice at home; three grandchildren; three sisters and a number of nephews and nieces in Germany.

Mr. Fox was not only a progressive, successful farmer, but he was a man of unquestionable integrity. His only aim in life was that of happiness and peace with his fellowmen, and his home was a real home to his wife, his children and all those who came beneath its roof. Fond of little children, he was a favorite of the little ones who grew up in his own home, and his grandchildren worshipped him. Possessed of the faith that leads men in the paths of righteousness, he and his good wife raised their children in the same manner. To that sorrowing wife and her children comes the message that "all is well with thy good and faithful servant," and the knowledge that it is so true helps to remove the sting of the parting.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon, with short services at the home, followed by services at St. Paul's Reformed church, of which the deceased was long a faithful member. Rev. B. M. Fresenborg officiated at the church and at St. Paul's cemetery where interment was made.

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He was baptized Heinrich Friedrich Fuchs. The church in Wunderthausen was Protestant (*evangelisch*) and followed the Reform/Calvinist doctrine like St. Paul's church in Wheatland.

His wife was born in the nearby German village of Diedenshausen and was baptized Maria Katherine, though she also used her middle name.

Notes by Dr. Paul Riedesel