

Last Thursday evening at the residence of his son-in-law, George Riedesel, Christian Gerhart laid down the cares and burdens of this life and peacefully went into the last long sleep, that knows no waking. Christian Gerhart was born May 15, 1808 in Elsoff Kreis Wittgenstein, Prussia. In 1835 realizing that in the new world he could better himself, and having no kindred ties to hold him back, he emigrated to the United States and settled down in Crawford county, Ohio. Here he met and married Miss Mary Alliou e who survives him. About sixteen years ago he came to Iowa and has since made his home with his daughter Mrs. E. Riedesel. About six weeks ago he was thrown upon his sick bed, with dropsy, and although he received the best care and medical aid was in constant attendance, he kept on gradually sinking until death claimed him for his own. He leaves a wife, 2 daughters, 13 grand children and 6 great grand children to mourn his death. He arrived at the age of 89 years 3 months and 15 days. The funeral services were held last Saturday morning at the late home of the deceased, conducted by Rev. C. Baum, where all were given a chance to view the remains for the last time. After the brief service at the house, the remains were taken to the german burial grounds and interred. Memorial services were held in the german Reformed church after the burial.

He was an honest, upright christian. The community has lost a firm friend and the church one of its staunchest supporters.

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