

Henry G. Homrighausen Dies

Henry George Homrighausen, 88, passed away at the Gest Nursing Home at Grand Mound where he had been the part couple of weeks. Death occurred last Wednesday morning, June 24th.

He was born in Westphalia, Germany, on February 23, 1871. At the age of one-half year, his parents moved to America. He was baptized in the home church in Diedenshausen, Westphalia, by the Rev. Florin, and confirmed in St. Paul's Church, Wheatland, by the Rev. Baum.

On February 24, 1898, he was married to Sophia Julia Mordhorst, and they lived in Buena Vista for several years where he was employed in the general store owned by Charles J. Kuehl, an uncle of Mrs. Homrighausen.

They moved to Pierce, Neb., and lived there for several months where he worked in a clothing store. They were called back to Wheatland by the death of his father and the responsibilities connected with it. Ever since, Mr. Homrighausen made his home in and around Wheatland, first in town, then on his father's farm, to be followed by living on the Mordhorst farm, and later in the home here in Wheatland. At one time H. G. was employed in the August Lohmann store.

Two sons were born, Marion Russell, who passed away at the age of thirteen, and Elmer George, who with his wife, lives at Princeton, New Jersey. Mr. Homrighausen is also survived by six grandchildren: Richard, a doctor in Calif., Ruth (Mrs. Mackay Tay-

lor), Birmingham, Mich., E. Paul, San Francisco, Calif., David, John and Mary (Mrs. Douglas Candland) of Princeton, N. J., six great-grandchildren, and two brothers, John of Oxford Junction and Fred of Tipton.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife on December 24, 1943, a brother, Louis; and two sisters, Mrs. Katherine Fox and Mrs. Wilhelmina Fox.

Mr. Homrighausen served as deacon and elder of St. Paul's Church for many years. For a number of years, since 1920, he faithfully took care of the St. Paul's cemetery records. He had served as a rural school director, and as township trustee for 12 years, also served on the Wheatland town council. From the beginning in 1913, he had been associated with the Farmers Threshing Company. For over 20 years he was a director of the Equity Trading Company, which he helped to organize.

H. G. was a familiar figure around Wheatland, and will be missed by many. He was expert in mechanical things and loved to work with tools and machines.

Funeral services were held last Friday afternoon at 2:00 at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, with Rev. Harold Koenig officiating. Burial was in St. Paul's cemetery.

Deane Boom sang with Miss Wilma Riedesel at the pipe organ. Pallbearers were Arnold, Oscar, Walter, Lloyd, and Ray Fox, and Ed Homrighausen.

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He was born in the village of Diedenshausen as Georg Heinrich.

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