

George Homrighausen died at 5 o'clock p. m. December 30, on his farm near Willcox, Arizona. He had been in declining health for over a year. His death is attributed to heart trouble, after a ten days' illness.

Uncle George, as he was called by many of his old acquaintances about Paola, was born at Westphalia, Germany, April 20, 1833. He learned the trade of a stone cutter, and coming to America in 1854, he located at Kansas City, where he followed his occupation until he removed to Paola in 1861. After coming here he purchased a tract of land northwest of Paola, on Walnut creek, where he raised his family and made his home until removing to Arizona two years ago. Before the railroads were built he followed freighting for several years to Kansas City and across the plains for the government.

Mr. Homrighausen was always recognized as one of our very best citizens. He possessed a noble character, was honorable and reliable and was always willing to assist those in need. During the war he hauled wood to the soldiers' wives and widows without reference to their ability to pay, and was ever given to acts and deeds of kindness and charity. He took an active interest in politics and voted more for the man than the party. He always

had a contempt for men who would take an advantage of their position and do disreputable acts and deeds. He filled numerous township offices and at one time was a candidate on the Democratic ticket for county treasurer, and though the odds were greatly against him, he was beaten only by a small majority. He had friends by the score all over the county who much regret to learn of his death. He was raised in the German reform church and was a member of that church in Germany. He was also a member of the Odd Fellows lodge of Paola.

Mr. Homrighausen was twice married. His first wife was Miss Anna Knoche, to whom he was married in 1860. She died in 1864. His second wife was Miss

second wife, who has been an invalid for many years, two daughters by his first marriage, Mrs. Lizzie Cowan of Eddy, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Mary Cowan of Willcox, Arizona, and three children by his second marriage, Mrs. Lena Hennis, wife of Sol Hennis of Richland-twp., John W. Homrighausen of Los Angeles, California, and Mrs. Anna Mousty of De Paul, Oklahoma. Also three sisters, Mrs. Mattie Knoche of Paola, Mrs. Mary Strachbein of Pendleton and Mrs. Kate Schwitzgabel of Kansas City.

The remains, accompanied by his son John and daughter, Mrs. Mary Cowan, arrived here Tuesday morning and were taken to Johnson's undertaking rooms, from where the funeral was held Wednesday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Benson M. Powell and in charge of the Odd Fellows.

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George Homrighausen died at Willcox, Arizona, December 30, 1910, after a short sick spell.

Mr. Homrighausen was one of the best known men of Miami county. He had lived here for nearly fifty years, and about two years ago went to Willcox, Arizona, where he took a claim. He was not obliged to do this to make a home, for he has one of the best farms of this county and other property, worth in all thirty or forty thousand dollars. But he had his two granddaughters, the Misses Cowan, take claims, and it was largely on their account that he went West.

Born in Westphalia, Germany, April 20, 1833, Mr. Homrighausen came to America twenty years later. He reached Kansas in 1859 and this coun-



her daughter, Mrs. Lena Hennis, the wife of Solomon Hennis, of this county. Another daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Cowan, resides at Eddy, Oklahoma. Mrs. Mary Cowan, the next to the eldest daughter, lives at Willcox, and Mrs. Annie Mousty, wife of Charles Mousty, has her home at Depauw, Indiana. The only son, John W. Homrighausen, lives in Los Angeles, California. Three sisters survive: Mrs.

Mollie Knoche, who lives northwest of Paola; Mrs. Mary Strackbein, of Valley township, and Kate Schwitzgabel, of Kansas City, Mo. Other relatives are: Robert Schwitzgabel and August Saller, nephews, both of Kansas City, Mo also, Mrs. Minnie Doer, a niece of Kansas City, Mo

Funeral took place at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday, January 4th, 1911, services being held in the chapel of R. M. Johnson undertaking rooms, conducted by Reverend B. M. Powell, of the Methodist church. Mr. Homrighausen was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge here, in good standing, and his brethren turned out in a body to attend the funeral, the full ceremony of the lodge being given.

When the old pioneer is called hence, the first thought that comes to many of us is, he was not appreciated enough while he lived. Mr. Homrighausen was a type of the rugged manhood so common to the early days of Kansas. No laws were necessary to his restraint. Like many and many another of his type he lived by the golden rule. His hands helped to lay the foundation of a State where our coming generations could be fed, clothed, housed and educated. Towns and farms and roads and schools and churches and bridges were his handiwork.

George Homrighausen was noble in both thought and action. Though not well educated he was a man of general information and his mind was alert and strong. In judgment he was unsurpassed. He did right and never claimed any credit for so doing. In 1908 he was nominated by the Democrats for county treasurer, and, although his opponent, Mr. C. H. Lewis, was up for his second term, with a good record to run upon, Mr. Homrighausen was not far behind when the votes were counted. He had frequently served his township in different capacities, always with credit to himself and to the public. His last visit with his friends here was in October, 1910. He returned to Arizona in good health. He earned his reward and he rests in peace.

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my great grand father