

Death of Mrs. Wilhelmina Fox

Mrs. Wilhelmina Fox, 84, a resident of Wheatland for over 30 years, passed away at her home here Sunday morning, March 2, 1941, after an illness that had confined her to her bed since the day before Christmas.

Wilhelmina Homrighausen, daughter of Philip and Caroline Homrighausen, was born Oct. 9, 1856, in Diedenshausen, Westphalia, Germany, where she was baptized and confirmed in the Reformed faith.

At the age of 16 years, she came with her parents to the United States and they settled on a farm southwest of Wheatland.

She was united in marriage to Louis Fox on Dec. 3, 1879, and they farmed on the farm now owned by Mrs. Henry Fox. There they reared three sons, Louis, Henry and Arnold. The husband and father passed away Feb. 16, 1904, and six years later Mrs. Fox and her youngest son, Arnold, came to Wheatland to make their home, and it has been with this son and his family that this good lady spent the remaining years of her long and useful life. She kept an active interest in all affairs of St. Pauls church during the years of her life spent in this community, and was always a kind and friendly neighbor.

She is survived by her two sons, Louis and Arnold, of this place, and a step-son, George Fox of Pierce, Neb.; one sister, Mrs. Katherine Fox of Wheatland; four brothers, Henry G. and Louis P. Homrighausen of Wheatland, John Homrighausen of Big Rock, and Fred Homrighausen of Bennett. Another brother, Philip Homrighausen, left home at the age of 17 years, and has not since been heard of. She also leaves 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, besides a number of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband and one son, Henry, who died in 1934.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at St. Pauls Reformed and Evangelical church, following a short prayer service at the home at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. Clarence Koehler paid splendid tribute to the departed friend and faithful member. Pallbearers were Ed Homrighausen, Lester Homrighausen, Lester, Walter, Lloyd and Oscar Fox. In charge of flowers were Mrs. Walter Fox, Mrs. Erwin Martens and Mrs. N. L. Bope. Burial was made in St. Pauls cemetery.

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Her full baptismal name was Katherine Wilhelmine. Her husband's family name was originally Fuchs (German for Fox). The sister Katherine indeed married a Fox cousin (Fred) of her husband.

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