

Obituary.

Amelia Knebel was born May 16th, 1836, at Wunderthausen, West Phalen, Germany, coming to America in June, 1857.

She was married to John Koch on Oct. 8th, 1859, and they lived on the farm north of Wheatland until March, 1894, when they moved to this place.

Just ten years later in March, 1904, her husband passed away and since that time she made a home for her sons Emil, who is at home now, and Louis who died August 21, 1917.

She was the mother of six sons and three daughters. Those who survive her are John, Emil and Mrs. Wm. Riedesel of this place; Henry of Minneota, Minnesota; Herman of Walcott, Iowa; Mrs. Wm. Horstmann of Lowden; and August of Kansas City, Missouri. All of the children, with the exception of August, were here to attend the funeral. She is also mourned by one sister, Mrs. Annie Fey, and twelve grandchildren.

She was a woman who worked hard and faithfully all her life, in the interests of her family, and even when old age bowed her down her home and garden were kept with precise care. A kind mother, her thoughts were ever for the comforts of her children, and they will most sorely miss her.

Her final illness was of several weeks duration, from which dropsy developed and she passed away on Monday, Nov. 18th, at the age of 82 years, 6 months and 2 days. The funeral services were held at the home Thursday afternoon, with Rev. Bollmann officiating. Many were present to pay their last respects to their old friend and neighbor.

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"West Phalen" should have been Westphalia, the English spelling of the German (Prussian) province in which Wunderthausen was located.

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