

Death Relieves Louis Knoche.

On Friday, April 9th, 1915. Death entered the Knoche home, south of town, closed the eyes of the head of the household, and bore his spirit to its eternal home.

Louis Knoche was born in Wunderthausen, Germany, July 12, 1850, and until attaining the age of 21 years, he remained with his mother.

In May, 1871 the family came to America, locating at Wheatland, where other relatives had preceded them several years before.

A number of years later, Mr. Knoche purchased the 80 acres of land which has been the old homestead, and where he passed the remainder of his life. On October 10th, 1889, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Schneider, and their union was blessed with five children; two boys, Louis and Edward, and three daughters, Mrs. Edward Laschanky, Nettie and Mary.

Besides the bereaved widow and children, the deceased leaves to mourn his death, a brother, George Knoche, and two sisters, Mrs. Louis Schneider and Mrs. Franz Homrig-

hausen. Also one grand child and a large number of near relatives and friends.

His age was sixty-four years, eight months and twenty-seven days. During the later years of his life he was sick a great deal of the time and suffered much pain, which was borne with much patience. He was a member of the Reformed church of this place, a member of Springrock Camp of Modern Woodmen of America, and a much respected and highly esteemed citizen. He has lived a good clean life; doing his duty as son, husband, father and citizen in a manner creditable to him, and during his sickness had the sympathy of all.

The funeral took place Sunday. Services were held at the home at 1:45 p. m., further services followed at the Reformed church at 2:30, and burial was made in St. Paul's cemetery. Rev. John Gatermann conducted the services which were attended by a large number of friends, neighbors and relatives.

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He was christened Georg Ludwig though known as Louis. He may or may not have gone to western Nebraska at some point, but spent his last years at Wheatland.

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