

## George L. Kroh Dead.

George L. Kroh, resident of Spring-rock township for many years, passed away at his home southwest of Wheatland, on Thursday evening, March 3rd, at 7.15 o'clock, from a stroke brought on by protracted suffering from asthma and heart trouble. He had been in poor health for several years, and had been confined to his bed for some time.

George L. Kroh was born in Wunderthausen, Germany, October 28th, 1863, where he was baptized in early childhood and brought up by Christian parents in the faith of the Lord. He was confirmed at the age of 14 and was a true member of his church all his life.

He came to America in 1881, and lived first at Paola, Kansas, where he remained until 1885, when he came to Wheatland, and for a time worked in the Wheatland roller mill here for L. H. Homrighausen. Being a good musician, he was a member of the old Wheatland brass band. After about a year here in the mill, he again took up farm work in this neighborhood, and in October, 1891, he was married to Miss Susan Homrighausen, and they bought the Homrighausen farm, now owned by John Strackhein. To them were born three children, George, Lydia and Anna. The mother died April 20th, 1899, and the same year George returned to Germany for a visit.

He was again married on April 1, 1900, to Lisette Riedesel, in Germany, and in 1902, they came to Wheatland and purchased the Paul Heuer farm southwest of Wheatland, which they occupied for several years, finally buying the Pustsch homestead, where he passed away. To this last union were born five children, Erna, Henry, Fred and Freda, and a son who preceded him in death.

Mourning his death are his wife and seven children, namely: George W., of Osakis, Minnesota; Anna, at home; Mrs. Henry Bentrutt, of north of Wheatland; Mrs. Ferdinand Kelting, of New Liberty; Henry, Fred and Freda, at home; also six grandchildren; and one brother and two sisters in Germany.

The deceased was an honest, industrious, Christian man, a good citizen and a kind neighbor, and he had the friendship and respect of everyone who knew him. The sympathy of all go out to his bereaved wife and sorrowing children.

He was an esteemed member of St. Paul's Reformed church, and the funeral services were held there Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, preceded by a short prayer service at the home. Rev. Wm. Bullmann officiated and the church was filled with those who came to pay their last respects to their departed friend. All of the children were here. Burial was made in St. Paul's cemetery.

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After the death of his first wife, Kroh did return to the village of his birth. Whether this was intended as a mere "visit" or a permanent return is uncertain. He and his enlarged family did come back to Wheatland eventually, no doubt motivated by the hard living conditions in Wunderthausen in comparison to Clinton County.

A few other emigrants from Wunderthausen lived around Paola, Kansas as well.

Notes by Dr. Paul Riedesel