

MRS. FLORENTINE RIEDESEL.

Florentine Murchin was born December 16, 1834, in Wunderthausen, West Phalia, Germany, where she was confirmed in her early years. She came to America in 1852, and in 1858 she was united in marriage with John Riedesel.

They settled near Wheatland and reared a family of ten children nine of whom are now living. Mr. Riedesel died several years ago. Always a woman of kindly spirit, it has been a great source of gratification to her children that she was spared to them for these many years.

After several months of failing health she quietly passed away at her home near Big Rock, on Saturday, May 31st, at the advanced age of 84 years, 5 months and 16 days.

The surviving children are: John Riedesel, and Mrs. William Hoffmann, of Wheatland; Mrs. John Knabel, of Bettendorf; Mrs. Edward Grell, of Donahue; Mrs. John Lang, of Tipton; Mrs. John Beuthien, of near Wheatland; Mrs. Louis Strackbein, of Big Rock; Fred and Mary Riedesel, at home. She also leaves to mourn her seventeen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

Short services were held at the home Wednesday afternoon, with regular services at St. Paul's Reformd church here followed by burial in St. Paul's cemetery. Rev Wm. Bollmann conducted the services which were attended by a large number of friends of the deceased.

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Her family name was Mörchen but the umlaut went away in this country. Her birthplace was the village of Wunderthausen in the province of Westphalia in what was then the Kingdom of Prussia.

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