

OBITUARY GEORGE PETER

George Peter was born Dec. 12, 1846, in Diedenshausen, Westphalia, Germany, and in 1867 he came to America, locating in Wheatland, Clinton county, Iowa. He remained there and in Cedar and Jackson counties for three years.

In the fall of 1870 he went to California, and remained there for three years, working in a saw-mill. In the fall of 1873 he left the west and went to LaClette, Ill. There he was married to Carolina Hessling. In 1874, Mr. and Mrs. Peter came to Carroll county, and started farming on 74 acres of land. In the course of years, more prairie land was added to the farm.

Five children were born to this union, Edward, George, Henry, Emma and Anna. Emma died in 1881. On May 27, 1896, Mrs. Peter died. Mr. Peter entered a second marriage with Mrs. Dorothea Klaehn on November 11, 1897.

In February, 1919, the son Henry died, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter retired from active farm life, moving to Lidderdale in March, and here they lived together for eight years.

His death was very sudden, though he had been falling the last few weeks of his life. He was able to be up, and on July 5 he visited his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Topp.

On the morning of July 6, he was found dead in his bed after having reached the age of 80 years, 6 months and 24 days.

The funeral was held Friday, July 8, from St. John's Lutheran church, Lidderdale, of which he was a member, and burial was made in the Glidden cemetery.

Left to mourn his loss are Mrs. Peter, two sons, Edward and George, and one daughter, Mrs. Wm. Tepp.

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He was born Johann Georg but always went by his middle name. I had the name of his first wife as Herrling, but that could be an error.

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