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### "Aunt" Susie Riedesel Dies



Sunday morning, at 3:15 o'clock, March 8, 1942, Miss Susan Riedesel, 95, passed away here in the home of her niece, Mrs. Lydia Schneider.

The death of "Aunt" Susie Riedesel, as she was more familiarly known to all in this community, marked the passing from our midst of the last surviving charter member of St. Pauls Evangelical and Reformed church.

She was born Feb. 6, 1847, near Bucyrus, Crawford county, Ohio, and came to this vicinity at the age of eight years, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ludwig Riedesel, who first resided in a cabin north of town.

Wheatland had not yet been founded, and she rode horseback eight miles to the only school in Springrock township, located just north of the present Pioneer cemetery southwest of Wheatland. The late Celinda Parker Dutton was her teacher. Later she was one of the rural teachers of this community.

She was confirmed in St. Pauls church in 1861 and was a member of the first confirmation class.

In 1865, she went to Massillon, Ohio, and attended Tiffin college for three years. She taught school in Ohio until 1901 when she went to Wyoming. For the past six years she has resided in Wheatland with her niece, Mrs. Lydia Schneider.

Aunt Susie was always a most lovable lady, a friend to all, and her life was most exemplary of her Christian belief. Twice in later years she suffered a broken hip, but her undaunted spirit and cheerfulness carried her through those experiences that down the average person, and unknowingly those examples of her spirit served to strengthen the weaker spirits of many others in like stress. At all times Aunt Susie was prepared to meet her Maker, and when that final hour arrived, she passed quietly and happily into that everlasting life that is the reward of those who, like her, are His children.

She is survived by one brother, George Riedesel of Glidden, Iowa; a number of nieces and nephews; and she leaves a host of friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday, today, in St. Pauls church, following a short prayer service at the home. Rev. C. H. Koehler will officiate. Burial will be in St. Pauls cemetery.