

Aged Pioneer Gone.

Louis Schneider died at his home here on Tuesday evening, March 3rd, 1925, following a slight stroke brought on by the infirmities of old age.

His death marks the passing of another of Wheatland's pioneer residents and one whom was well known and most highly respected in this vicinity. He was a man of true character and strong personality, a good citizen, friend and neighbor, and his influence on other lives will be lasting. Quiet and unassuming in his daily life, he passed to his reward with the fortitude of one who is at peace with his God and the world. His age was 82 years, 4 months and 11 days.

Louis Schneider was born October 22, 1842, in Wunderthausen, Westphalia, Germany, and he came to America in 1857 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Schneider and four brothers, settling on the farm now owned and occupied by Franz Homrighausen, Jr., Baptized and confirmed in Germany, he came to this country a true Christian, and was one of the founders of St. Paul's Reformed church of this place, being a deacon and elder of this church for many years. He spent a couple of years of his young manhood in the great northern pines of Wisconsin.

He was united in marriage to Marie Magdalena Knoche, on November 27, 1867, and for a year they remained on the farm now owned by Herman Puntach. One year later they bought eighty acres of the farm now owned and occupied by their son Ferdinand, afterwards buying an additional 120 acres and built a new home there, where they lived until they retired from active farm life and moved to their home here in Wheatland in 1904.

This worthy couple were blessed with two sons and seven daughters, all of whom are now living in this immediate vicinity. The children were all present on the occasion of their golden wedding, on November 27, 1917.

He leaves to mourn his death his aged wife and nine children, namely, Miss Amelia, Mrs. Elizabeth Thiele, Mrs. Lena Schneider, Ferdinand H., Mrs. Louis Fox, Mrs. William J. Meves, Mrs. Robert Witte, Mrs. Henry J. Schneider and Walter L. C. He also leaves one brother, Henry W., and 14 grandchildren.

The funeral was held Friday afternoon, at the home at 1:30, and at St. Paul's Reformed church at 2 o'clock, with Balster Bros. in charge. Rev. Wm. Bollmann conducted the services and paid high tribute to the departed townsman and church-worker in a sermon that pleased all who knew him. Burial took place in St. Paul's ceme-

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He was baptized Georg Ludwig but known by his middle name.

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