

Wilhelmina Keller Dead.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Keller, for many years a resident of Wheatland, passed away Wednesday afternoon, May 22nd, at 3:30 o'clock, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Carroll, at Davenport, at the age of 90 years, 7 months and 15 days.

Wilhelmina Schneider, daughter of George and Florentina Schneider, was born October 17, 1838, in Wunderthausen, Germany, and came to America in 1847 with her parents, who first settled in Ohio. There she was confirmed in the Evangelical Reformed church on May 1, 1851, by Rev. Keller. The same year the family moved to Iowa, taking up their abode on a farm three miles southwest of Wheatland.

On May 19, 1871, she was married to John Keller, and for fourteen years they made their home in Lowden. To them were born four children, three dying in infancy.

In the year 1885 they moved to Arcadia, Iowa, where they resided until the spring of 1890 when they came to Wheatland, where Mr. Keller conducted a blacksmith and wagon shop until his death on May 17, 1907, when Mrs. Keller gave up her residence here and went to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Carroll, in Davenport. She is survived by her daughter and seven grandchildren, who all reside in Davenport except the eldest grandson Lewis, who is in Franco. She was also an aunt of Mrs. Fred A. Schneider, Henry J. Schneider, Peter Riedesel and Mrs. Philip Koch, of this place, Philip and Wm. Schneider, of Massillon, besides a number of other relatives here with whom she enjoyed many pleasant visits during the past few years.

Mrs. Keller was a charter member of St. Paul's Reformed church of this place, and during her years of residence here took an active part in all church work. Her life was a long and most useful one. Everyone who knew her loved her for her friendly manner and kindly ways, and the entire community missed her when she moved from our midst some years ago.

The funeral services were held here at St. Paul's Reformed church last Friday afternoon at 2:30, conducted by Rev. B. M. Fresenborg, while Miss Lydia Beckmann, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thiele and Mr. Albert Wagner sang several appropriate hymns. Burial was made in the family lot in St. Paul's cemetery.

Among many others who attended the funeral from out of town besides the E. J. Carroll family were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Carroll, Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Carroll, Miss Lina Sidney, Mrs. Mame Sommers, Mrs. A. W. Carroll, Miss ~~Miss~~ ~~Messingh~~, Miss Augusta Pasche and Mrs. P. Meltesen, all of Davenport; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Delaney, of Rock Island; Mr. W. H. Carroll, Mrs. Vincent O'Hern, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Delaney, Mrs. Catherine Carroll and Mrs. W. J. Keefe, all of Clinton.

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It was in 1848 (not 1847) that most of the family came to America. She was by far the longest-lived of her large family.

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