

Death of George Strackbein.

The sudden death of Mr. George Strackbein, which occurred Thursday morning, March 18th, at 11 o'clock, was a shock to his relatives and many friends. He had not been feeling well for some time, but his condition was not considered serious. A stroke of apoplexy was the immediate cause of his death. His age was 74 years, 6 months and 5 days.

George Strackbein was born in Wunderthausen, Westphalia, Germany, on September 23rd, 1851, and in his childhood was baptized and confirmed in the Evangelical church. At the age of 19 years, he came to America to the home of his brother, Louis, on the farm south of Wheatland, and where he remained for one year. Then he went to St. Louis, Mo., where he worked as a mason, which trade he followed during a period of twenty-five years when he lived in Milwaukee. Returning to Wheatland after that, he lived on the farm with his brother-in-law, Hans Kelting and family for seven years, and after visiting with a sister in Colorado for one year, again returned here and made his home with his brother Louis and wife, where death claimed him.

He leaves to mourn his death two sisters, Mrs. Hans Kelting, of this place, and Mrs. Amalia Wahl, of Germany. Preceding him in death were his brothers, Henry of Kansas, and Louis, of Wheatland, and sisters, Mrs. Lena Riedesel and Anna Strackbein, of Germany; and Mrs. Kate Riedesel, of Colorado.

The deceased was a man whose friends were legion. He was an honest, industrious and congenial man, an expert mason and plasterer, and a man who had traveled considerably and had the ability to tell of his travels in a most interesting manner. He will be most sadly missed by all his old associates with whom he met daily.

The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 1:30 at the home and at 2 o'clock at St. Paul's Reformed church, where Rev. Wm. Bollmann paid excellent tribute to the departed. Burial was made in St. Paul's cemetery.

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Strackbein lived a relatively uneventful life. As one of the youngest of a large family in Wunderthausen his prospects there were limited, and by 1871 when he came to America, there was an established community of emigrants from that village around Wheatland.

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