

Death of a Pioneer.

Henry Strackbein, for nearly 50 years a resident of Osage-twp., died Friday evening, August 30, at 6 o'clock, at his home on his farm a mile and a half south of Henson station. He had not been feeling well for several days, but his condition was not considered alarming. He was sitting in his chair reading his paper and fell over unconscious, expiring instantly. His death is attributed to apoplexy.

Mr. Strackbein would have been 80 years old at his next birthday in October. He was born and raised at Wunderthausen, Germany, and was married in Germany, from where he and his wife came to America during the civil war. They resided two years at Wheatland, Lincoln-co., Iowa, from where they came to Miami-co. and purchased the farm where they resided these many years. Mr. Strackbein was a quiet, unassuming man, the soul of honor and his word was as good as his bond. He was known to almost every one in Osage-twp. and the surrounding neighborhood, who held him in great regard. He was a member of the Evangelical church, but of recent years seldom went to church, preferring to remain at home Sundays, read his papers and entertain his visitors. With his aged wife he is survived by one son and three daughters, Mrs. Mike Schultz of Osage-twp., Mrs. Lou Homrighousen of Osawatomi-twp., Miss Jennie Strackbein and Henry Strackbein at the homestead. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Kelding, and two brothers, Les and George Strackbein, at Wheatland, Iowa. His brothers were in attendance at his funeral. The funeral was held Monday afternoon from the home. Rev. J. Sherman Hill of Paola conducted the services. The remains were buried in the Debrick cemetery.

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He was born on October 13, 1838, and came to the U.S. in 1865. A large number of Wunderthäuser had settled around Wheatland, Iowa, so it is no surprise that they lived there for a while. However, Wheatland is in Clinton County, not Lincoln County.

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