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OLD RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

City Loses One of Its True and Loyal Citizens in Death of John Lentz

The death of John Lentz which occurred June 16, takes from Grinnell one of its modest, unassuming but successful and worthy residents. A citizen of Germany he early came to this country and later to this county where he maintained a life of uprightnes and industry, honored and respected by all, loved in the home and community. He has lived a worthy life and has gone to his reward.

Mr. John Lentz was born in Kirweil-ler, Alsace Lorraine, Germany, Oct. 5, 1845. He was baptized in infancy and confirmed in his youth in the Lutheran faith and remained a true and faithful Christian throughout his life. In the spring of 1867 he was married to Miss Barbara Pfister, who preceded him to the better land four years later. Mr. Lentz with his little daughter, Barbara, migrated to America in 1871, locating in Illinois.

He was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Groth at Toledo, Ohio, in 1877, who preceded him to their heavenly home April 13th, 1904. To this union two children were born, Lena and Mrs. Louts Maack, of Sheridan.

In 1878 Mr. Lentz moved to this county and located in Sheridan township, where he lived for thirty years.

October, 1908, he and his daughter, Lena, came to Grinnell, where he has since resided.

Four years ago he underwent an operation at the city hospital, which left him in a weakened condition. Hardening of the arterics and Bright's disease finally resulted in his death of heart failure, June 16th.

He leaves to mourn his loss besides his children, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two sisters and one brother.

The funeral was held at the home Wednesday, followed by a service at the Lutheran church in North Malcom township, where the body was buried by that of his wife. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Biermann.

Music was by Mrs. E. A. Black, Mrs. A. S. Ennis, H. S. Lowrey and W. J. Corwin.

Bearers were old time friends: E. Erickson, Henry Hink, Frank Kelm, Wm. Pickhardt, Henry Ahrens and Charles Johnson.

Those from out of town were a grandson, Albert Litka, of Bigelow, Minn., two nephews, John Klein of Des Moines, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kreiger of Maple Park, Ill., and a brother-in-law, Adolph Kruse, of Sioux City, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sawyer of Gilman.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank all the kind friends and neighbors for their kind assistance in deeds, words and songs and for the beautiful floral offerings

Lena Lentz.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Maack.