

Nicholas Schafer

Nicholas Schafer, Old Time Resident
of Sheridan Township, Goes

5-5 To Final Rest 1931

Nicholas Schafer was born on January 28, 1845 at Hersfelt, Germany. At the age of 12 years, he with his parents came to America, stopping for a short time in New York, afterwards coming to Muscatine. His parents being very poor, he immediately went to work to help support the family. Many times he has told of the hardships the family had to suffer. In the year of 1869 he came to Poweshiek county, locating on one of the prairie farms in Sheridan township. On December 29, 1870 he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Franciscus at Muscatine, Iowa. To this union 6 children were born, two dying in infancy. He was confirmed in the Lutheran faith, and continued in this faith until his passing.

Mr. and Mrs. Schafer lived on the Sheridan farm for 23 years, then moved to a farm in Tama county where they resided 7 years. The remaining years have been spent in Tama.

On December 29, 1920, he with his wife, children and close relatives celebrated their 50th anniversary. On June 25, 1930, Mr. Schafer suffered a stroke of paralysis, and on August 29, another stroke which affected his speech. After being confined to his bed for several weeks he began to improve, and had become apparently well with the exception of his speech.

On December 29, 1930 he enjoyed the family gathering of children, grand children, one brother and one sister who were present to help celebrate the 60th anniversary of their marriage. On March 7 of this year, he with his sister, one son, and one

daughter, made a trip by auto to visit his two brothers who were ill, one at Spirit Lake, Iowa, the other at Plankinton, South Dakota. He also visited his son in Dakota. On April 12, Mr. and Mrs. Schafer and daughter ate dinner with their eldest daughter at the old home in Sheridan. On Tuesday morning he was again stricken, and although everything that was possible to do for him was done, he quietly went to sleep at 1:15 p.m., April 30. He was aged 86 years, 3 months, and 2 days. He lived a full life, and lived it well, being a kind and loving husband and father, friend and neighbor. He leaves to mourn his departure his aged invalid wife, 2 sons, Edward of Tama county, and Walter of Canova, South Dakota, 2 daughters, Mrs. Otto Broders of Sheridan, and Carolyn at home, 13 grand children, 13 great grandchildren, 2 brothers and one sister, and many friends.

Funeral services were conducted on May 2 at 2 P.M. from the residence, by Rev. Mr. Schiffler of Tama, and Rev. Mr. Smith, formerly of Tama, but now of Cedar Falls. Pall bearers were 5 grandsons, namely: Elmer Broders, Merle Schafer, Clifford Schafer, Forest Schafer, George Schafer, and 3 grandsons-in-law, Elmer Baustian, Lyle Herman and Emil Moyer.