

HENRY AND MARGARETTE

6-18 SCHMIDT. 1920

A week ago a brief announcement was made of two deaths in a Searsboro family. Following is a more complete obituary notice:

Henry Schmidt was born in Province Hessen, Nassau, Aug. 12, 1876. At the age of eleven months he was brought to America. His boyhood days were spent in Sheridan township of our county. In the year of 1904 he was married to Miss Anna Routier. He farmed in Malcom township and in the vicinity of Grinnell until he made his new home near Searsboro for the last 3 years.

To this union were born 6 children, of whom 5 survive with the mother. The cause of the father's rather sudden death was pneumonia. He passed away June 2 at 10:00 A. M., having reached the age of 43 years, 9 months, and 20 days.

Margarette Luella Schmidt was born in Malcom township of this county, Jan. 8, 1908. Her first schooling was northwest of Grinnell and for the last three years she has won many friends while attending school in Searsboro. Margarette had severe headaches for several years and as they grew worse she was taken to Iowa City for an operation on her head, but it proved a failure. She remained in the hospital for three weeks and was taken home an invalid. The sorrow of the parents only grew worse as she lost her eyesight and hearing and was finally rendered speechless. The cause of the trouble was an abscess which had formed in the base of her head. She passed away on the morning of June 1, having reached the age 12 years, 4 months and 23 days.

Rev. O. Diermaun conducted the double funeral both at Searsboro and at Grinnell, June 4. Interment was made at Hazelwood.

The funeral was largely attended and the bereaved have the heartfelt sympathy of all.