

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1931.

Obituary Of C. H. Wichmann

Funeral services for Claus H. Wichmann were held at the Presbyterian church at Malcom Saturday. The services were in charge of Rev. A. Thalacker, Lutheran pastor of Grinnell. Rev. Mr. Thalacker based his sermon of comfort and admonition on words from the Gospel of St. John—John 2:23-25. Two beautiful hymns were sung by a quartette composed of Mr. Torrey, Miss McClure, Mrs. McClure and Mr. Pyle, Mrs. Pyle playing the piano accompaniment. Pallbearers were Charles Douglas, Wm. Douglas, Jas. McKee, Albert Nutting, Horace Royce, Henry Baltisberger. The obituary read was as follows:

Claus H. Wichmann son of John and Anna Katherine Wichmann, was born at Homestead, Iowa township, Iowa county, Iowa, on April 2, 1870. In infancy his parents had him baptized into the Lutheran faith. When he was twelve years old his parents moved to Poweshiek county. At the age of fifteen he was confirmed, vowing his allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ. On October 29, 1895, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Broders. To this union were born five children, two of these girls, Esther, the present Mrs. Harry Porter of Clark's Grove, Minn., and Blanche, who died in infancy, and three boys, Julius, Clifford and Richard, all residents of this locality. Grandchildren there are four.

It was an extreme misfortune in Mr. Wichmann's life that he became mentally deranged, and as time went on, it was found necessary for him to be taken to the mental hospital at Mt. Pleasant for treatment. More unfortunate still was the fact that all hopes of his return were blasted when he was pronounced incurable. And so it came about that the last, also the best, years of his life had to be spent at the hospital. He died near midnight on Wednesday, August 23, at the age of 61 years, 4 months and 23 days. The immediate cause of the death was hardening of the arteries.

Besides his former wife, Mrs. Chris Schultz, and his children, there remain to mourn his departure two brothers, Dick and Henry, three sisters, Mrs. Chas. Bastian, Mrs. Chris Schilders, and Mrs. Thurston Cady, all of this county except Mrs. Cady of Minnesota, and many relatives and friends.