

## George Buchenau, Old Settler, Is At Rest

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George Buchenau was born near Boston, Mass., Oct. 22, 1843. When 8 years old he moved with his parents to Hartford, a place near Milwaukee, Wsi. After living in Hartford a number of years the Buchenaus moved to Portage City, Wis., where George engaged in farming with his father and brothers.

In November, 1859, the family moved to Poweshiek county, settling in Chester township. Land then sold at \$5 per acre and no railroads traversed the county. George went west thro several states to return again within a year. At the close of the Civil war he was 19 years old.

Six years later, in 1871, he married Johanna Augusta Schultz. To them were born eight children, of whom four survive. Mother Buchenau died 28 years ago, in 1896. George Buchenau retired from active farming 26 years ago.

George has literally carved out his own fortune, by the exercise of his native characteristics of untiring energy. He ranks among the honored early settlers who have done so much to place this county among the best in the state. He was a pioneer member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Malcom township.

In 1886 the deceased suffered a sunstroke, resulting in heart trouble which also caused his death Friday evening, Oct. 3, at 6 o'clock, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Anna Spading.

Mr. Buchenau reached the age of 80 years, 11 months and 19 days.

The mourners are a brother, Charles Buchenau, of Grinnell, four children, Lena Broders of Grinnell, Theodore Buchenau of Brooklyn, Anna Spading of Malcom, and Lewis Buchenau of Grinnell. The grandchildren number 16 and the great-grandchildren four.

Funeral services were held at the Lutheran church Sunday, October 5, at 2 o'clock p. m.. Interment was in the Lutheran cemetery in the family lot.

Rev. O. C. Biermann conducted the services.

Parents:

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**G**EORGE BUCHENAU, a leading farmer and stock-raiser of Sheridan Township, Poweshiek County, his farm being situated on section 32, makes a specialty of breeding fine Oxford and Shropshire sheep. He was born near Boston, Mass., October 22, 1848, and when eight years of age removed with his parents to Hartford, a place near Milwaukee, Wis. His father, George Buchenau, was a native of Germany, where he was

an extensive farmer, and in 1840 crossed the Atlantic, landing in New York City, where for some time he worked as a laborer. In New Jersey, near the town of Humpshire, he was united in marriage with Christina Houmell, and to them were born the following children: Elizabeth, who married John Robinson, and lives in Wisconsin; Ludwig, a farmer in Custer County, Neb., and also the owner of a hardware stock in Westerville, Neb.; Henry, engaged in farming in Chester Township of this county; Charles, the youngest of the family, also engaged in farming in Chester Township; and Lewis, farming in Nebraska.

After living in Hartford, Wis., for some years, Mr. Buchenau removed to Portage City, in the same State, near which point he engaged in farming in connection with his father. In November, 1859, he came to this county, and purchased land, paying \$5 an acre for property which is now worth from \$40 to \$60 an acre, on account of the natural rise in prices, and largely owing to the many valuable improvements he has placed upon the farm. His place comprises four hundred and fifteen acres, upon which are a comfortable house and substantial farm buildings. As an agriculturist our subject has been very successful from the first, and is among the enterprising and progressive farmers of the county. He has literally carved out his own fortune, by the exercise of his native characteristics of untiring energy and well-directed industry. For over three decades he has been prominently connected with the best interests of the community, and ranks among the honored early settlers who have done so much to place this county among the best in the State.

April 5, 1871, Mr. Buchenau married Miss Mary Shultz, and to them have been born three sons and two daughters, who have received the best of school advantages, thus fitting them for the active duties of life. They are Henry, Theodore, Lewis, Caroline and Annie. Mrs. Buchenau's father, Christian Shultz, who was a native of Germany, had a family of four children, three sons and a daughter. Two of the sons, Ludwig and Carl, are well-known farmers in Iowa, the former in Jasper County, and the latter residing in Malcom Township.

In his political belief Mr. Buchenau is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, and is much interested in its success. He has always supported all measures which have for their aim the welfare and advancement of his fellow-men, and the best interests of this section of the country. He is a representative citizen, and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, who hold him in the highest regard.