

Bear, Elizabeth  
d. 1-13-1949

### Death of Mrs. John Bear

Mrs. John Bear, a resident of the Melbourne and Rhodes communities for more than 60 years, passed away at Woodland nursing home in Des Moines Thursday afternoon, Jan. 13.

Mrs. Bear was born Elizabeth Biesnecker, December 5, 1871, in Baden, Germany, daughter of Conrad and Caroline Biesnecker. She came to America when 13 years old.

She was married to John Bear Dec. 5, 1893, in Melbourne. Since that time they have lived in the Melbourne and Rhodes communities. She had been living on the farm south of Rhodes with her son George before going to the hospital.

Surviving are the widower; son, George; a daughter, Mrs. Rosa Maxwell of Maxwell; two sisters, Mrs. Maggie Bollenbacher of Melbourne and Mrs. Eva Bernard of State Center; a brother, Conrad Biesnecker of Conrad; five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

A prayer service was held at the George Bear home south of Rhodes at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, and at the Evangelical and Reformed church in Melbourne at 2 o'clock. Burial was in the Eden cemetery at Rhodes.

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