

LOOKING BACK

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Mrs. Mary Nolta native of this community dies May 4, 1944 State Center Enterprise

Mrs. Mary Nolta, 83, pioneer resident of the State Center community and a native of the French Grove settlement north of town, succumbed at the Woods hospital Tuesday morning, May 2, following an illness of eight months duration.

She was born Sept. 28, 1861, a daughter of Louis and Johanna Garbelman Frohwein, old settlers in western Marshall county. She spent her early life in that neighborhood and was married to Henry Nolta on Nove. 17, 1881 at St. John's Lutheran church by Rev. C.F. Hermann, who was then the pastor.

Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Nolta farmed in the vicinity of State Center until 1884, when they moved to State Center. They remained here until 1888, moving to Clemons that year. While there Mr. Nolta was employed in the Minerva Valley creamery for 11 years. In 1901 they moved to the farm south of St. John's church where their son now resides, and they lived there until 1909 when they retired and moved to State Center. Mr. Nolta preceded his wife in death in 1918.

Mrs. Nolta was baptized in St. John's Lutheran church and continued a lifelong member of that congregation. In later years, she was a member of the Mission society.

She is survived by two sons, W.C. Nolta of State Center and Leland Nolta in Illinois, three sisters, Mrs. Anna Saxauer, Mrs. Bert Merrill and Miss Amelia Frohwein and one brother, George Grohwein, (sic) all of State Center, seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at St. John's Lutheran church at 2:00 p.m. Friday with Rev. George H. Perlich officiating. There will be a short prayer service at 1:30 p.m. at the Wensel funeral home. Interment will be in Hillside cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Harold Nolta, Gerald Nolta, Walter Nolta, Louie Frohwein, Clarence Frohwein and Earl Frohwein. Flower bearers will be Rosella Kielly, Leona Eggers, Selma Eggers, Leona Hamm, Gertrude Richeson and Mable Eggers.