

LOOKING BACK

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Another pioneer has passed away
Mrs. Wilhelmina Geocke (sic) passed away at her
home Monday evening
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Another pioneer resident of the State Center neighborhood passed to her reward Monday evening, when Mrs. Wilmelmina (sic) Goecke, a resident of State Center since 1868, succumbed to kidney disease at 9:30 Monday evening. She had been sick for two years and had been bedfast for about seven weeks.

Mrs. Koecke (sic) was born in Hangensbeck, Brunswick, Germany, July 17, 1845, and came to the United States in August, 1865. June 7, 1868, she married Henry Goecke and they lived on a farm eight miles northeast of State Center until June 10, 1910, when they moved to State Center. Mr. Goecke did (sic) May 15, 1918.

Eight children survive. They are Henry C., William A., Fred C., Ernest F., Albert L., and Frank B., of Marietta township; Miss Hattie, who made her home with her mother and Mrs. Fred Pothast, living near Melbourne. There are also two sisters living, Mrs. Henry Hennis and Mrs. John Ficken, of State Center.

The funeral will be at 1 o'clock today at the home and at 1:30 at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church in charge of Rev. J.S. Oltman. Burial will be in Hillside.