

LOOKING BACK

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Henry F. Keeler died Monday

Henry F. Keeler succumbs to tuberculosis after long illness

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Henry F. Keeler, a well known resident of State Center, where he has been conducting a garage for a number of years, died at 1:10 Monday morning of tuberculosis, following a long illness. Mr. Keeler left State Center on Dec. 4, 1917, to seek restoration of his health in California, but the western climate afforded him only temporary relief. He returned to his home in March, 1918, and has since been bedfast.

Mr. Keeler was born near Somonauk, Ill., July 18, 1871. At the age of 10 years he came to Iowa with his parents, who settled on a farm near State Center. After a residence of a few years on the farm, the family moved into State Center, where Mr. Keeler had since made his home.

Mr. Keeler was united in marriage July 22, 1896, in this city, with Miss Carrie Triplett of near State Center. The widow is the only near relative surviving. The father, Nicholas Keeler, died June 4, 1903, and the mother died in April, 1913. A sister, the only other member of the immediate family, died October 11, 1908.

The funeral was held at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning from St. Joseph's Catholic church, at State Center, in charge of Rev. N.J. Lentz. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

(Shirley's note: The State Center Historical Society is in possession of a picture circa 1915 showing the H.F. Keeler Iron & Wood Works. This picture is included in the State Center, Iowa Archives-A Pictorial History, Volume I, on page 79. When we put the book together, we tried to find out where Keeler's business was located, but couldn't determine that. If anyone knows, please notify us.)