

LOOKING BACK

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**Mrs. Leins dies of heart attack Monday evening
Death comes after sickness of seven weeks in bed at
Grandson's home**

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Mrs. Maxmillian Leins died Monday evening at 10:45 o'clock at the home of her grandson, Harvey Brandt, 5 1/2 miles northeast of State Center. Mrs. Leins had been bedfast for the past seven weeks with heart complications.

She was born in Michelsburg, Germany, August 19, 1849, and came to this country when eight years old, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Damman. Her maiden name was Wilhelmine Damman. She was baptized in infancy in Germany, and was confirmed March 29, 1863, in St. John's Lutheran Church, Freeport, Ill. She was united in marriage to Maxmillian Leins in 1870 at Muscatine, IA.

To this union were born 17 children, 11 of whom are living: Mrs. Henry Meier, Barnham, Iowa; Mrs. Albert Schildt, Osceola, Wis.; Mrs. Henry Fields, Rushmore, Minn.; Henry Leins, Elkton, S.D.; George Leins, Clear Lake, Iowa; Mrs. Joe Ballmes, Fairpoint, S.D.; Mrs. John Barnard, Wagner, S.D.; Mrs. Mary Brandt, Mrs. Frank Myers, Mrs. George Henze, of State Center, and Mrs. Will Miller, Holstein, Iowa.

She has one brother, Carl Damman, of State Center and one sister, Mrs. Ernest Toidt (sic—should be Toedt) of Baxter, Iowa. She has also 47 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the home of her grandson, Mr. Harvey Brandt, and at 1:30 o'clock at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in State Center.

Burial will be at the Horn Church cemetery in Jasper County, near Newton. (Actually, burial was in St. John's Cemetery, west and south of Horn Church.) Rev. A.H. Schultz, pastor of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, State Center, will officiate.

(Note: Mrs. Leins was the great grandmother of Jim Hartwig and Jim and John Paper.)