Death enters many homes this week
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Mrs. Engle Maria Busse, aged 74, widow of Henry Busse, and an old resident of the French Grove neighborhood, died at her home six miles northeast of town Wednesday morning. Mrs. Busse’s death was caused by Bright’s disease, with a complication of bronchitis.

Mrs. Busse was born in Churhesen, Germany, December 25, 1843. Her maiden name was Homyer. Her parents came to America when she was 3 years old and settled in Cook county where Miss Homyer was married to Henry Busse April 24, 1846. He died April 8, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Busse came to this county fifty years ago and settled on the farm where both died.

Mrs. Busse was the mother of ten children, seven of whom are living. They are Henry Busse of Marshalltown and John Busse, Mrs. August Eggers, and William, Louisa, Julius and August Busse of near State Center.

The funeral will be held from the house at 11 o’clock tomorrow morning, and at the French Grove Lutheran church at noon.