

The Path of

My grandma
By Mrs. Bill Hays

This week we walk in the path with Mrs. Lena Boyd. She lives at 208 East Maple. She is 79 years old, and was born in Monmark, Germany.

Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Bingel. They had six children. In the spring of 1892 they came to the United States. Lena was only nine years old. She can't remember much about the voyage, but she remembers vividly how sea sick they were. The old sea was so rough, some times they would think they would never make it. They were tossed on the waves, and being so sick and frightened and in distress, they were mis-

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erable. Then there would be days that were really nice. Another thing made their trip unpleasant was the high iceberg. They could see it for miles, seemed like a large mountain. There were over a thousand people on the boat, they were all so afraid of getting too close to the iceberg, knowing the bottom extends so far out around it.

It took them sixteen days to cross the Atlantic. Lena can remember their home in Germany and the children she played with.

They landed in Baltimore, Mass., and were there two weeks, then came by train to Seneca, Mo.

Lena said she always thought about other children that had to learn a different language, especially when you have to learn it, how hard it was for her. She had good teachers. Her first teacher was Miss Hattie Frank. The teachers would show them a picture of some object and would have the name spelled under it. Then she would pronounce the name over and over, until they could understand. She thought she would never make it, but she did.

When she was a young girl living in Seneca, she and her little sisters and brothers would enjoy watching and counting the old covered wagons go by in front of their home.

It was the opening of the Cherokee strip. They were enroute to file homestead rights in Oklahoma under the government. Oklahoma was a territory then. These wagon trains would be as many as thirty, one right behind the other. Then a couple of hours would pass then here would come another train of them.

moved to Wyandotte, Okla. While living there they attended an Indian school program. She said it was one of the nicest programs she had ever seen. Every child knew their part and they were enjoying putting on that program, too.

After a few years they moved to a little town west of Rich Hill, named Sprague. Her husband died there, and after nine years she sold the farm and moved to Rich Hill.

They had nine children and they are all living today. Fourteen years ago they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. All their children came home to be with them.

They have four sons and five daughters. Her son Edward and family live in Clinton, Mo., Karl and family in San Diego, Calif., Clarence and Dick and their families live in Butler; a daughter Ethel and family in Foster, Lucille and Marie and families live in Iowa City, Iowa, Lena and family, five miles northwest of Rich Hill, Lola and family in Gary, Indiana. Mrs. Boyd has twenty-five grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren.

Her sons Karl and Dick were in the service in World War II. Karl is still in the Navy, with 21 years of service. He will be retired from service this year.

Lena says, "I'm thankful after all these years to still have my nine children and now my grandchildren and great grandchildren."



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my grandma Bingel*

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Mrs. Philip Bingel Passed Away

Mrs. Julia Bingel, wife of Philip Bingel, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Boyd, west of town, at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning, after an illness of almost a year with dropsy, aged 68 years, 1 month and 25 days. Funeral services were held at the M. E. church Wednesday at 2 o'clock p. m., conducted by Rev. Ira S. Selby. Burial was in Pryor Creek cemetery.

Julia Ann Tuero was born at Mamorack, Austria Hungary. She was married to Philip Bingel in 1874. Thirty-three years ago they came to this country. Eleven children were born to them, seven of whom are living, as follows: Kate Rodgers of Omaha, Ark.; Nicholas Bingel of Metz; Christina Wallace of Seneca, Mo.; Lena Boyd, Metz; Philip Bingel, Kansas City; Gus Bingel, Harrisonville, Sadonia Owen, Springfield. She is also survived by twenty-four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Deceased had been a member of the Methodist church here for a number of years.