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Grandma Wetrich.

Elizabeth Wetrich, nee Niederhauser, was born in Canton of Bern, Switzerland, April 12, 1821, and departed this life at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Blumenschein, near Wellman, Iowa, at 11:30 p. m., Oct. 18, 1906, aged 86 years, 8 months and 1 day. At the age of 21 years she was united in marriage to Michael Wetrich, who passed away May 22, 1851. To this union were born 12 children, 6 of whom are still living. One son, William, died Sept. 18, 1853; the others died in infancy. The living are J. C. of Des Moines, Iowa, D. A., of Des Moines, Iowa, Mrs. John Riffegger, of Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. John Gruff. Mrs. Frank Blumenschein and August, of this place, all of whom were at her bedside at the time of her death. Besides the six and daughters, there were 38 grand-children and 17 great-grand-children.

She became a member of the German Reformed church when about 14 years of age, to which faith she remained true until the last. She came to America in 1852, landing in Holmes county, Ohio, the latter part of June. The journey across the Atlantic was a long and toilsome one, taking about 33 days to cross it. In April, 1853, she came to Iowa, settling in Johnson county where she lived until about 15 years ago when she came to live with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Blumenschein.

She was a noble woman, ripe in age and experience with the things of this life, and full of hope for the blessed life to come. Her children, grand-children and great-grand-children "rise up and call her blessed." She leaves a mantle to all her dear ones that in a transient sojourn on this mortal plane, as a holy motherhood could be equalled. "Unte im Himmel ist in Himmel." For last words were: "Heavening is no regret, the Lord is with me, and I will soon be released."

The funeral services were held at the Frank Blumenschein home Monday at 10 a. m., conducted by Rev. Gustman, of the Wellman D. B. church. Interment in Wagonville cemetery.

A love, joy and peace is imparted in death, a quiet rest by the faithful. None other can tell. Mother's soul and were so lonely. Father—knowest how our spoken. In their long and quiet found solace. When life's storms and tempests were broken. The vacant place, the empty chair. We see them by the. August, it filled our hearts with care. Since Grandma went away. The peaceful spot of home and cheer. Her tender loving care. What sweetest memories cluster here. A round the earth—hell.

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