

Obituary

Philip Hafner was born in Bavaria, Germany, January 23, 1849, and died in Fargo November 13, 1924, his age being 73 years, nine months and 20 days. He came to America when 19 years of age, making Dubuque Iowa his stopping place. In the early days he was a railroader, having been a locomotive engineer. Later he engaged in the meat business and operated shops in Iowa, Tracy Minnesota and last in Sutton, having been one of the first business men in this town.

In 1875 he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Leibold, to this union being born ten children, five girls and five boys, seven of them together with his wife surviving him. One child died in infancy, another at 11 years of age and the third, Mrs. Louis Reihsen of Benson Minnesota, passed away last spring.

The surviving children are William of Raymond Washington, Barney of Lemmon South Dakota, Mrs. Louise Gosslee of Clitherall Minnesota, Mrs. Elizabeth Kaechele of St. Paul, Louis of Ellendale, and Charlie and Paul of Sutton.

Mr. Hafner, by virtue of his birth was a Lutheran, to which faith he remained true throughout the span of his life. He was a man with a rugged constitution until about a year ago when the malady which caused his death took hold of him.

Brief funeral services were held at the house Saturday, being in charge of Rev. A. M. Hewson. Burial was at Hartman cemetery.

Relatives from a distance who were present were Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Gosslee, Mr. and Mrs. Kaechele and a grandson, Edward Reihsen.

Mr. Hafner was of a very sociable disposition and numbered all of the older folks of town as his friends, with whom he was wont to mingle daily. Many are the expressions of sorrow that he is no more to be among them on this earth.
