

Death of Wm. Figge.

After a severe illness of nine months, William Figge of near Germania died on the morning of November 13, 1902. Mr. Figge was born in Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, February 28, 1828, and emigrated to America, landing at St. Louis, June 18, 1844 and after one year he settled near Germania.

Mr. Figge was married to Margaret E. Slightom Dec. 15, 1853 and immediately moved to the farm on which he died. He leaves a widow, eight children, three sons and five daughters, thirty-eight grand children and five great grand children, besides a number of other near relatives to weep. The deceased attained the advanced age of 74 years, 8 months and 15 days. He bore his suffering with long patient and Christian fortitude unto the end. Funeral services were conducted at the late residence of the deceased on the 14th by Rev. H. M. Brewer of Carthage, Ills., who delivered a suitable discourse based on Rev. 14:13.

Mr. Figge was a charter member of St. John's Lutheran church in which he held a number of important offices. He was highly esteemed in his congregation for his exemplary life devotion to the interest and success of the church and his Godly example among his neighbors was recognized as a true friend and a man who sought the welfare and peace of all as one who quietly endeavored to prevent strife and promote mutual good will. His death is deeply lamented by the entire community.

Lord I believe and though I weep  
I do not doubt thy word.  
We give our loved to Thee to keep  
And Thou will keep them Lord.

With mingled tears and psalm and song  
We leave our dead with God.  
We greet the blood besprinkled throng,  
We walk where they have trod.

H. M. B.