

## JOHN KETHE

John Kethe, son of Henry and Catherine Kethe, was born Dec. 18, 1853, in Schuyler County, Mo., about a half mile from the present farm home. His entire life was spent in this immediate neighborhood.

As a boy he attended the nearby country school. On September 4th, 1892 he was married to Rosa Gramsch. To this union were born five children, Catherine Susan, Mrs. Ivan Brenizer; Mary Margaret, Mrs. Herman Schupbach; Henry Charles; Bertha Caroline, Mrs. Junior Nicholson; and Rudolph Herman, who died in infancy. Mrs. Kethe preceeded her husband in death, Nov. 23, 1922. Mr. and Mrs. Kethe brought up their family at the present home.

Mr. Kethe was a well known and successful farmer and a loving father and a respected citizen in the community. At an early age he became a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and at the time of his death was the oldest member of the congregation.

Besides the son and daughters, he is survived by six grandchildren and one niece, and several cousins. His only brother, passed away about twelve years ago. Had he lived ten days longer he would have reached the unusual age of ninety years. He passed away, Wednesday evening, Dec. 8th, 1943 at 7:45 o'clock war time. His age was 89 years, 11 months and 20 days.

Funeral services were conducted at St. John's Lutheran Church Dec. 11th, the Rev. J. F. Eshbaugh officiating. The body was laid to rest in Germania Cemetery.