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Pioneer Dies Near Here Saturday After Illness Of Three Days; Acute Indigestion Blamed; Was Past 89

TAKEN IN DEATH

Bernard Thieman Succumbs
At Farm Home Of Son
William

FUNERAL HELD WEDNESDAY

Interment In St. Augustine's
Follows Funeral Mass
Read At 9 a. m.

Bernard Thieman, pioneer resident of the Minster community, died Saturday at the farm home of his son William after a brief illness brought on by an attack of acute indigestion. He had celebrated his 89th birthday anniversary Jan. 15.

Mr. Thieman complained of feeling ill last Wednesday. He was bedfast and failed rapidly from that day until Saturday. He breathed his last at 6:30 p. m. Physicians said the indigestion attack weakened his heart and hastened the end.



BERNARD THIEMAN

He was born Jan. 15, 1844, on what is known today as the home farm, located three and a half miles northwest of Minster on the Amsterdam road, where his sister-in-law, Mrs. Christina Thieman is living now with her son John. He was a son of the late Frank and Rebecca (Wessel) Thieman. His father was a miller by occupation, and immigrated from Oldenburg, Germany. His mother was a native of Hanover.

On Feb. 4, 1875, he was married to Mary Nagel. The ceremony was read in St. Augustine's church by Rev. Fr. Andrew Kunkler. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1925. Mrs. Thieman is living and enjoys good health at the age of 82. After marriage he established his home on the farm now occupied by his son George, where he labored and spent his life prior to the death of Mrs. William Thieman.

In addition to supervising the working of a tract of land which he owned, Mr. Thieman was identified in many early ventures in this locality. In recent years his extensive land holdings have been dissected, and members of his family are living now on separate farms, all located northwest of Minster along Highway 119.

With Catholicity in this territory in its infancy during his youth, Mr. Thieman and his brother Frank started a movement which resulted in the formation in New Bremen of a Roman Catholic parish. A church was built in that village, and worship was started with services held regularly.

The small congregation failed to grow however, and with Catholicity flourishing in Minster its members one after another became members of the parish here. Finally the church edifice was sold and the remaining members of the parish came to Minster also.

Since the death of their daughter-in-law, Mrs. William Thieman, nearly three years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Thieman lived with their son William on his farm, one and a half miles northwest of here.

Prior to this last illness Mr. Thieman had enjoyed comparatively good health. When he was 85 his right leg became infected, and an operation for amputation of the member was performed successfully in St. Rita's hospital at Lima.

He was known to practically everyone in this locality and was honored as one of that band of early pioneers who, by hard work and untiring effort, laid the foundation of what is now a thriving community.

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Pioneer Dies

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Four sons and two daughters are left, in addition to the widow. They are William, Joseph, George and Charles Thieman, northwest of Minster; Mrs. Josephine Feldman, of one mile south of Minster, and Mrs. Cecelia Severin, of N. Hanover St., Minster. There are 22 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death. His father died when he was 12 years old, and his mother's death occurred when he was 30.

Mr. Thieman was a member of the St. Augustine parish, and was fortified with the last sacraments of the Catholic church. He was a member also of the St. Augustine Orphan society.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 9 a. m. in St. Augustine's church. Rev. Fr. P. Sixtus Meyer, C. P. S., the pastor, intoned the solemn funeral requiem mass. Interment was made in the church cemetery.