

Memories of Father Franz F. Thiessen

Father was a man who loved to be involved in the community, serving as a counselor for the municipality and as trustee in the local School Board. He worked hard at providing for his large family and taught the boys to farm at an early age.

Father always had a beard. The grandchildren remember the whisker rubs, the pennies he gave them and the crystal dish with peppermints on the buffet.

Father and Mother lived at Weidenfeld until the mid twenties at which time they moved to the Kane district.

J. T.

Memories of Mother Helena Peters Thiessen

Mother was a soft, kind-hearted person and always had the welfare of her children in mind. Because of Father's involvement in the counsel and school board; Mother was often left alone to mind the children. This made her extremely busy working hard at raising her large family.

Shortly after the birth of Heinrich; Mother's kidneys began failing. She passed away suddenly without saying good-byes. This was a very sad and difficult time for the family.

J. T.

Memories of Mother Agatha Wiebe Thiessen

Agatha Wiebe Thiessen was born in Weidenfeld, Manitoba. After attending school in Altona and Gretna, she left for St. Louis, Missouri to take up nursing at a Lutheran Training Hospital. After graduating she returned to Manitoba and found that her American credentials were not accepted by the Canadian medical profession. Therefore she attended further training at a Winnipeg hospital and graduated as the first Registered Nurse in Southern Manitoba. She went to work at Ninette Sanitarium and after some time advanced to the position of Matron at this sanitarium.

In 1927 she married Franz Thiessen and moved to Lowe Farm. She was called on very often to practice her nursing talents in the community, from using the hypodermic needles to being a midwife.

She retired to Steinbach in 1950 and later to the Salem Home in Winkler.

Her hobbies of knitting and crocheting have left many of the families and friends with momentos of her handicraft from table covers to doilies.

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