

Wilhelm THIESSEN

1841 - 1927

9 Mar 1999

member until death.

In 1901 he came to Canada and settled on a homestead northwest of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where he lived for thirty-six years. Here he found his companion and was united in marriage on Dec. 22, 1908, living together almost forty-five years.

For the last sixteen years they resided in British Columbia. After a seven-day illness the Lord took him to Himself on November 3, 1953, at the age of twenty days less 76 years.

To this union were born three daughters and one son: Mrs. Martha Priley, California; Bertha Dyck, Langley; Nettie Neufeld, Port Moody; and Robert, Cornie, California. For a number of years Sandra brightened many hours in the home of the deceased.

Others beside the Family who grieve the passing of Gerhard, are his sister, Anna Penner, and two brothers, Peter and Frank, all of Saskatchewan; three sons-in-law, eleven grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren and many friends.

He loved to work, but also the fellowship of God's children. When possible he attended worship services and was active in Sunday school work both as a Sunday school superintendent and teacher. He loved music and enjoyed to play the piano and his harmonica, in which he excelled.

While his family grieves his passing, they have hope to meet again where there will be no more parting.

Helena THIESSEN and Gerhard FLAMING had the following children:

- +58 i. **Martha (adopted) FLAMING.**
- +59 ii. **Bertha (adopted) FLAMING.**
- +60 iii. **Nettie (adopted) FLAMING.**
- 61 iv. **Cornie (adopted) FLAMING** was born on 27 Feb 1921.

12. **David THIESSEN** was born on 2 Jan 1882 in Jansen, NE. He died on 5 Mar 1967 in Clearbrook, B.C., Canada.

He was married to Maria FRIESEN (daughter of Henry F. FRIESEN and Maria FRIESEN) on 17 Aug 1902. **Maria FRIESEN** was born on 7 Apr 1883 in Jansen, NE. She died on 19 Jan 1964. David THIESSEN and Maria FRIESEN had the following children:

- +62 i. **Alvin THIESSEN.**
- +63 ii. **Henry THIESSEN.**
- 64 iii. **Willie THIESSEN** was born on 13 Oct 1911. He died on 10 Mar 1921.
- +65 iv. **Mary Julene THIESSEN.**

14. **Rev. Gerhardt THIESSEN** was born on 26 Sep 1885 in Jansen, NE. He died on 3 Apr 1958 in Orange Cove, CA.

Obituary.....Rev. Gerhardt T. Thiessen....

Gerhardt T. Thiessen, son of Wilhelm and Sara (Thiessen) Thiessen was born near Jansen, Nebraska, on September 26, 1885. He passed away at his home in Orange Cove, California, at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, 1958 having reached the age of 72 years, 6 months and 8 days. Death came suddenly and unexpectedly even though he had been failing in health for years.

He accepted the Lord as his personal Saviour on July 7, 2906, and was baptized the same year and received into the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren church at Litchfield, Nebraska, by elder Henry I. Dick.

After graduating from the Moody Bible Institute and the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago, he was ordained to the ministry and missionary work on June 16, 1918. He accepted the Lord's call to foreign missionary service under the china Mennonite Mission Society and went out for his first term in March 1921 and returned in 1927. After his return he served the Lord as pastor of the E.M.B. church at Meade for two years; then as assistant to the pastor for three years, while teaching Bible school. From 1931 to 1932 he served as pastor of a Mennonite church at Dalhart, Texas. Toward the end of 1932 he left again for China and returned to the United States in 1942, after his release from Internment during the Japanese-Chinese War. Thus 16 years of foreign missionary were completed. However mission work had not come to an end with him, for in 1945 he started a mission church in Orange Cove, California, which he pastored for about two years when ill health compelled him to retire. Though weak in body his zeal for missions never flagged as was evidenced by his constant prayer for God's servants at home and abroad.