

song was No. 340 in Gesangbuch mit Noten, "Himmelan, nur himmelan soll der Wandel gehen." He could speak almost to the last hour. He died on the morning of November 16, 1920 at the age of 72 years, 21 days. He had made the remark that when the leaves from the trees in fall would fall, then he too would leave this world. The funeral services were held in the Tabor Church where Rev. P. H. Richert officiated, and he was laid to rest in Tabor Cemetery. He left to mourn, his daughter Helena and her husband, and a daughter Maria, and four sons; Henry J. S. Schmidt, David J. Schmidt, Abraham J. Schmidt and their wives and John U. Schmidt and a number of grandchildren.

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Jacob Thiesen family.

Back: Jacob S. Thiesen, Ferdinand Schmidt, Dan S. Thiesen, Maria A. Schmidt, Helen Schmidt (Mrs. P. T. Nikkel), Mother, Father, Grandfather Schmidt, Abraham J. Schmidt, Rachel on lap, Simon, Mrs. A. J. Schmidt, Arthur on lap. Front: Paul Thiesen, Walter H. Schmidt

HELENA SCHMIDT THIESEN, daughter of Jacob A. and Anna Unruh Schmidt was born January 4, 1875 in the Greenfield Community near Goessel, Kansas. She grew up in the home of her parents and attended the Greenfield School where she got her education mostly in the German. May 14, 1894 she was baptized by Elder Jacob Buller and became a member of the Alexanderwohl Church. January 13, 1898 she was united in marriage to Jacob B. Thiesen. When the Tabor Church was organized in 1909 she and her husband became charter members. To this union four sons were born, of which the youngest died in infancy. Also two orphaned girls found their home here, Agnes and Marie Dirksen. She was a faithful wife and mother and the children were brought up in the fear of the Lord. She took an interest that the children got a good education. She was also interested in missions and church activities. She loved to sing and did sing oft-times while busy in work. The songs she had learned in her youth were her comfort. She was sick over two years. She died January 22, 1939. She