

My dear wife, Helen Thiessen (ne Ratzlaff) was born in the year 1859 on the 12th day of February in the Waldheim colony of Southern Russia. With her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Ratzlaff she emigrated to America finding a new home at Mountain Lake, Minnesota. In the same year she was united in Holy wedlock with me, John P. Thiessen and also took upon herself the responsibility of helping me raise my six minor children.

She became converted to the Lord in her early youth and has been a faithful follower all the rest of her life.

She has been a loving and faithful mother and a great help in the raising of our family. Several years ago she became sickly and at times since then she became seriously ill. She had a longing to get well again during the last several weeks of her sickness so that she might attend to her sick husband who is lying helpless but yet she was willing to go and had a deep longing in her heart that she might be taken away from the sickness and toil of this earth.

She died on the 16th day of September 1926 and reached the age of 67 years, 10 months, and 27 days; was a mother of 13 children, two of whom awaited her in eternity.

We do not want to mourn as we sincerely believe that she also can say, Mine is a lovely lot and henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness.

J. P. Thiessen and children

#### Card of Thanks

We hereby wish to express our appreciation and thanks to all that have so willingly and gladly extended their help and sympathy to us during the sad hour of the sickness and death of our dear wife and mother and for the many floral offerings. May the good Lord bless you.

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J. P. Thiessen and children