

Henrietta (Macholdt) Lins

15 Feb 1844 - 10 Oct 1934

MRS. EDMUND LINS, SR.

Relatives and friends alike mourn the death of Mrs. Edmund Lins, Sr., which occurred at the family home Thursday morning at 3:20, after several weeks of illness. Mrs. Lins was born in Eichstadt, Saxon, Meininger, Germany, February 15th, 1844, and was a daughter of Christian J. and Margaret Wust Macholdt. The family consisted of two sons, Frederic C. and Christian H. Macholdt and two daughters, Miss Margaret Wilhelmina Macholdt and Henrietta Lisette Macholdt (Mrs. Lins). Her brother Christian H. Macholdt is the only surviving member of the family. The family came from Germany in 1854, locating in Milwaukee, where father followed his trade of cooper for two years. Thence came to Eagle, their permanent home.

Mrs. Lins was married to Edmund Lins, Sr., in Eagle, July 20th, 1863, who conducted a meat market here until 1893, when he retired in favor of his son Edmund, J., Jr., who continued in the business until his death.

Six children were born to this union: Edmund, J. (deceased), Mrs. John A. McManman and Christian J. Lins, president of the McKane-Lins company in Milwaukee, Miss Louise H., cashier of the Bank of Eagle, Miss Mamie E., at home, Mrs. Willis Engebretsen, assistant cashier, Bank of Eagle. July 20, 1913, they celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Mr. Lins died Jan. 23, 1923.

Mrs. Lins was of a domestic taste and spent most of her time with the family at her home where neighbors and friends paid her frequent visits and were always given a cordial welcome. She was known as a woman of high character, of kindly impulses and of good deeds.

Her little grandson, Lawrence Engebretsen, made his home with the family for many years, the two were always together and it is a strange coincidence that one whom she loved so well should precede her in death by three days. It seems as though he called her to join him in his heavenly home.

It would be difficult to enumerate the many events that have taken place from 1844 to 1934. When the family came to Eagle there was only one railroad in Wisconsin, namely, from Eagle to Milwaukee, the village was in its infancy, the lighting consisted of home-made candles and the conveniences of a home were of the pioneer order. God spared her life far beyond the usual three score and ten years and thus enabled her to view not only the improved conditions but to enjoy them surrounded by her family who are held in high esteem in the community.

The funeral took place from St. Theresa church Monday forenoon, Oct. 15th, Rev. Father Elsinger, pastor officiating. Interment was in the family lot in St. Theresa Oak Knoll cemetery, where lie buried her husband and son. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. The attendance was large.

In closing this brief tribute to the worth of a true woman the words of the world's greatest poet inscribed upon his tomb seems most appropriate, "Good night sweet mother, and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest."

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