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La Moure County  
Obituary

On July 5 in Gackle, ND, amongst many mourners made up of his relatives and friends. Mr. Frank Zillmer was buried in the Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery. Pastor M. Baudler officiated, comforting the mourners from the word of life.

The deceased was born Dec. 3, 1859, in Sagan, Germany, the son of Mr. Wilhelm Zillmer and his wife Adina (Janke). Already eight days after his birth, he was consecrated in the faith of Jesus (Christian faith) by his devoted parents; and at age 15, he established his belief in the Evangelical Lutheran Church through Confirmation, knowing that he found in it alone the courage and strength to master life, which soon confronted him harshly and cruelly. Death snatched his dear mother from him and took his father one year later, so that now he stood on his own in the world.

At age 21 he entered the German army and served his country three years. These military years which followed the victorious war of 1870 against France, were for him a new school of life because his self assurance was strengthened through it, and he viewed the world with open eyes, a world wherein he not only his earthly success had sought, but also the desire to start a family. After he had fulfilled his military time and his homeland was freed, he married Miss Wilhelmina Breckie, who bore him twins, one of whom died shortly after

birth. Three years later, the dearly beloved mother of his child also died.

He had not been a widower long, when he married Miss Wilhelmina Bölter. This marriage was also blessed with two children. Because of economic conditions of the time, the unemployed decided to emigrate from Germany to America. This decision was made easier by the fact that the relatives of his wife also emigrated. After various hardships and many disappointments, they came to North Dakota in 1886 and settled in LaMoure County near Griswold to establish a homestead and practice farming. There were hard years which they had to make it through in the beginning. Even though it was already going better, his wife died in September 1892, so that he was once again alone with his children. Yet, in the same year, he married a third time on Dec. 27 and found in Miss Emily Weight a true partner for life, who today deeply grieves and mourns his sudden death.

Eight children were born to him in the course of this marriage, two of whom died, as well as the four children from the first two marriages. In 1919, they moved with their children to a farm in the vicinity of Gackle, where they resided for four years. In 1923, they purchased a home in the village of Gackle, in which to spend their old age in peace.

Father Zillmer enjoyed generally good health, yet in the last year his heart often gave him trouble. Last Thanksgiving Day, he became seriously ill and often lay sick in bed the entire winter.

This spring he seemed to be better again because he was usually up and could do a little work. He alone felt

that his strength had broken, and the foreboding of death did not leave him upon a recurring heart attack, so he enjoyed picking up the hymnal and taking strength in the faith songs which prepare us for the unknown moment of death.

On Saturday, July 2, he went out to the pasture in the evening to fetch his cows home. He must have experienced a severe, fatal heart attack because he was found sitting by the side of the path appearing as if he was resting peacefully but death held firmly. He now in perfect faith not only enjoyed the general esteem and respect of our fine citizens, he also was a true member of his church, whose faith he embraced without much flair and whose membership he sustained for time and eternity. His unexpected death struck his widow and children most severely because they know what they had in him. He parted from them calmly and peacefully and left a gap in their midst which no one can replace. Grieving and mourning him are his widow, six children: namely Alfred, Gackle; Leonard, Gackle; Mrs. Martha Arenson, Marion, ND; Mrs. Romag, Millarton, ND; Mrs. Esther Kuck, Gackle; Adina, who lives with her mother; 27 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

His age was 72 years, six months, and 29 days. He rests in peace and God's grace lights him to a blessed resurrection through Jesus Christ and eternal life.

Marcus Baudler, Pastor.  
Jud, N. D., 7 July.

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