

LD PIONEER—FERDINAND SCHMIDT DIES

Ferdinand Schmidt passed away at his home, one mile south and one-half mile west of Pigeon Wednesday night at the age of 88 years.

Mr. Schmidt had enjoyed fair health up until last Thanksgiving day when he had a stroke, the effect of which was the cause of his death. His eye sight had failed him two years ago.

Mr. Schmidt was born in Baden, Germany on October 19, 1844. In 1868 he came to this country and settled in Toledo, Ohio where he remained for a time after which he lived in Illinois and Gaylord, Michigan, coming to this vicinity forty-six years ago to settle on the farm where he spent the remainder of his life.

In 1875 he was united in marriage with Helena Schembech who preceded him in death eighteen years ago.

He is survived by one daughter Mrs. Mary Spiels of Clio and one son Charles at home; four grandchildren, Alfred and Erma Schmidt of Pigeon, Mrs. Carl Ayotte of Clio and Mrs. Walter Beck of Pigeon and one great grandchild, Raymond Beck of Pigeon.

The funeral services will be held at St. Francis Catholic Church at 9:30 Saturday morning. Interment in St. Francis cemetery.