

Death Breaks 21 Groups Of Five Generations

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Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the St. Michael's Catholic church at North Creek, for Mrs. Anna Mish, 95 years old, who died in Independence at the home of her daughter Mrs. Mary Dubiel. She had been in poor health for many years and was confined to her bed since December, 1934.

Having lived to the age of 95 years, eight months, and eight days, Mrs. Mish succumbed on February 4, 1940. She had enjoyed the companionship of a good husband until 1918, who died at the age of 74 years. Mr. and Mrs. Mish had observed their golden wedding anniversary in 1911.

Her maiden name was Anna Kokott and she was born May 27, 1845 in Siolkowic, Germany, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Kokott. While yet in her native land she was united in marriage to Lawrence Mish in 1861. For twelve years the couple operated a seven acre farm in Germany.

In 1873 they decided to come to this country. They sold their farm in order to gather enough money to pay their fare. In May of that year they boarded a ship at Frankfort, Germany. After sailing 12 days they arrived at New York, adding several more days to their journey, they reached Trempealeau with only fifty dollars in possession. Mr. Mish, leaving his wife and four children at Trempealeau, walked to North Creek, where he engaged the service of a relative to convey his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Mish purchased a 160-acre farm in Korpall Valley, of which only nine acres were under cultivation, where they toiled with the early settlers and lived to see a wilderness converted into a land of plenty. Their life was typical of the early pioneer, their abode being a rude hut with plainest of foods and little recreation edged in between the hard days of toil.

Thirty-seven years ago Mr. Mish turned the management of the farm over to his son Roy. The aged couple spent their retired life on an acreage of Roy's farm.

Fourteen children were born to this union, four having died in infancy, two of whom died in Germany. Hedwig, Mrs. August Susa, died in 1911 at the age of 36. A son, Valentine, died in 1930 at the age of 42. There remains to mourn the death of Mrs. Mish six daughters, and two sons: Mrs. Mary Dubiel, Mrs. Catherine Suchla, Mrs. Luke Roskos, Mrs. Victoria Thoma, Mrs. Joe F. Slaby, Independence; Mrs. Peter Gamroth, Gallahad, Alb., Canada; Roy at North Creek, and Jacob at Arcadia. There are also 60 grandchildren, 142 great grandchildren, and 21 great great grandchildren, and one sister, Elizabeth Thoma, 93 years of age residing at Arcadia.

Mrs. Mish was a woman of her own



● Mrs. Anna Mish. ●

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home. She did not desire a high place in public life, but devoted her every effort to the happiness of her home. To her church she was loyal, and found great pleasure in doing the things most admired by her loved ones.

The death of Mrs. Mish interrupted the companionship of 21 groups of five generations. Few there are who live to fondle the great great grandchild, but this was the privilege of Mrs. Mish.

Pallbearers were the following great grandchildren: Edmund Woychik, Rufus Slaby, Clements Symicek, Clarence Dubiel, Emil Mish, and Andrew Slaby.

Future Farmers to Have Pancake Feed

The Future Farmer chapter of Independence high school is making plans to serve the public a pancake supper on Monday evening, February 19. A representative of a prominent milling company will be here to bake the cakes. Other items on the menu will be sausages, cake and coffee.

Price of tickets is 25c, and 15c, and you can eat 'til you're satisfied. The boys will greatly appreciate the public's support.

County Democrats to Meet Here on Friday

A meeting has been called by chairman, Lon F. Tubbs, for a meeting of all Democrats in Trempealeau County, to be held at the Village Hall in Independence on Friday evening, February 9th, at 8:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend and bring their friends with them.