

NAME	Memorial Information
Bauer (nee Kruger), Lydia	Died Mar 1924; parents: Michael Kruger and Frederika Weiss
Bauer, Freida	no data available; parents: George Bauer and Lydia Kruger
Becker (nee Felesky), Clara	1920 - 16 Dec 1997; spouse: John Becker
Becker, Christian C. Jr.	11 Apr 1885 – 16 Nov 1938; spouse: Magdalena Schauer
Becker, John	1911 - 1987; spouse: Clara Felesky
Befus (nee Quenzer), Katherine	24 Jun 1871 - 29 Jun 1940
Bender, Harvey	Died 02 Sep 1936; father: Henry Bender
Bitz, John	04 Feb 1918 - 26 Jul 1936; parents: Jacob Bitz and Christina Neumiller
Deibert (nee Broeckel), Elizabeth	31 Jul 1865 - 29 Aug 1929; spouse: Adam Deibert
Deibert, Adam	10 Jan 1866 - 25 Aug 1942
Deibert, Alfred	07 Sep 1923 - 18 Nov 1923; parents: Adam Deibert and Elizabeth Broeckel
Haas	no data available; 5y
Haas (nee Dufloth), Elizabeth "Lizzie"	17 Nov 1905 - 23 Feb 1990; spouse: Gustav Haas
Haas, Gustav	1901 - 10 Oct 1979; spouse: Elizabeth Dufloth
Hertz (nee Bitz), Annie	08 Feb 1916 - 18 Mar 1943; spouse: Frank Hertz
Huber (nee Barth), Christina	29 Feb 1884 - 31 Aug 1963
Huber, Albert	29 May 1922 - 19 Nov 1980
Huber, Andrew	07 Oct 1881 - 6 Jan 1954
Huber, Fred	05 Sep 1907 - 1983
Huber, Gary Archie	22 Aug 1950 - 13 Jun 2021
Huber, Gotlob	1908 - 24 Jan 1929; parents: Andrew Huber and Christina Barth
Huber, Walter	15 Sep 1927 - 30 Mar 1928; parents: Andrew Huber and Christina Barth
Huber, William "Sunny Alberta"	27 Jun 1915 - 3 Nov 1993
Pillow (nee Schmidt) , Elizabeth Ann	08 Aug 1941 - 01 Mar 2003
Schmidt (nee Brokofsky), Christina	15 Aug 1865 - 9 May 1927; spouse: Wilhelm Schmidt
Schmidt (nee Fischer), Alvina	08 Sep 1908 - 25 Aug 1976; spouse: John Schmidt
Schmidt, Alexander	13 Mar 1898 - 6 Feb 1936; spouse: Katherine Wolfer
Schmidt, Henry William	15 Nov 1888 - 24 Oct 1944; spouse: Christina Brokofsky
Schmidt, Inez	25 Dec 1937 - 1 Mar 1943
Schmidt, John	20 Sep 1902 - 2 Aug 1954; spouse: Alvina Fischer
Schmidt, Reuben Nelson	13 Feb 1935 - 21 Aug 2023
Schmidt, Wilhelm Sr.	06 Dec 1859 - 27 Apr 1944
Schmidt, William Jr.	28 Aug 1893 - 17 Dec 1944
Suttie (nee Schmidt), Helen	21 Feb 1917 - 14 Oct 2014
Suttie, Donald Emerson	24 Jul 1903 - 29 May 1992
Wenz (nee Michta), Magdalena	20 Dec 1896 - 22 Dec 1995
Wenz (nee Quenzer), Katherine	24 Jun 1871 - 29 Jun 1940; spouse: Jacob Wenz II
Wenz, Andrew "Snipes"	13 Dec 1905 - 09 Jan 1970
Wenz, John	22 Jan 1896 - 18 Feb 1962; spouse: Magdalena Michta
Woifer, Adam	1870 - 1936
Woifer, Hanna	no data available
Wolfer, Adam I	30 Apr 1870 - 03 May 1936; spouse: Johanna Broeckel
Wolfer, Alvin	Sep 1919 - 20 Dec 1919
Wolfer, Eddie	22 Sep 1922 - 06 Jun 1930
Wolfer, Floyd	18 Jun 1924 - 06 Mar 2009
Young (nee Schmidt), Ida	28 Nov 1919 - 20 Mar 2015

Gnadenfeld Baptist Cemetery, Sandy Point, Alberta.

Members of this congregation lived some distance from the church, the districts were Gnadenfeld, Liebenthal, Germantown and Josephthal. They conducted Sunday School classes in their homes, Frederick Heinrich became the first Sunday School Superintendent. This nomination took effect January 15, 1915.

Like all new congregations, they had difficulty obtaining the services of a full time pastor. The salary for the year 1915 was \$800.00, and the pastor had to provide funding for a place to live.

Some of the pastors who served this congregation were O.D. Wegener, Philipp Daum 1916, Schwendener 1917, Wolf, Litwin, Koch, Kuyjat, John Weinbender, A. Bloedow, student Dan Fuchs, Walter Stein, John Kuehn, Paul Hintze, W. Reimche, H. Poh1, and Erwin Strauss. Serving as secretary of the congregation were Johann Renz, August Renz, Jacob Weisser, Jacob J. Graf, Karl Grusie, Ed Strauss, Ed. A Krause and Henry Winter.

Much of the time spent at the congregational meetings during the early years was devoted to smoothing over differences between various members. Many folks had their memberships canceled because the congregation felt they were not leading a good Christian life. Time and time again, these members were reinstated after they presented their cases in front of the group at a business meeting. Gnadenfeld Baptist Church was about two miles south and one mile west of the Schmidt farm, (The Schmidt family is the writers family) the family faithfully attended this church until it closed. This church was built with the help of several Schmidt family members and many of their relatives served in various capacities throughout the congregations history.

The first church meetings were held in the Sandy Point school house, just one half mile west of the present church property, S.E.15-20-01-W4. The first such service took place October 11, 1915. The first baptismal service for District Gnadenfeld on June 13, 1915, added George Haas, Katherine Haas, Karl Becker, Katharina Becker, Molly Maier, Margaretha Maier and Christina Graf to its membership list.

A building had been acquired at Estuary, Saskatchewan, and had been moved to the site. An addition was made to the west end of the building, to make it more serviceable. In the summer of 1923, services were begun in the church building with Reverend Kuyjat as pastor. It was an active church, assuming many responsibilities and in the 1930's maintained an orchestra and choir and was often overflowing with attendance. The church also served as a distribution center for relief parcels during the "Hungry 30's."

Throughout the years of service, pastors were often shared with the Hilda Baptist Church. John Schmidt was a very active man in promoting Gnadenfeld Sunday School and church programs, he also served as Lay Minister on many occasions. He could always be depended upon to be present, no matter what the weather conditions. Due to the influence of the church, a number of local young people attended Christian training schools. Among them; Tina Schmidt became a missionary to West Africa and Bertha Seeman (Mrs. Eldon Janzen) is a pastor's wife.

When the population of the district began to decline, due to the amalgamation of farmsteads, it became necessary to discontinue the services here and the congregation began attending the Baptist Church at Burstall, Saskatchewan.

The Burstall Baptist church continued to conduct services until the regular annual meeting held February 10, 1963. A motion by Ted Scheurer that the Burstall Baptist Church Organization dissolve and turn over to Forrest Park, Illinois, all assets and church funds including Sunday school money, seconded by Henry Winter. Wilfred Jordan moved to adjourn the meeting. Henry Winter served as the last secretary.

The vacant building was deteriorating very rapidly, so, in 1965, it was sold to Henry Strauss who moved it to his farm where it now serves as a workshop.

Harvey Schmidt, grandson of Wilhelm Schmidt who was one of the founders, has been instrumental in ensuring that the final resting place for our ancestors is well maintained.

The original church property has shrunk in size due to a local farmer acquiring the southern portion of the original tract of land. There was a lot of controversy about this property a few years ago. The farmer had

actually reduced the graveyard to an area just large enough to enclose the graves. Harvey Schmidt went to work and clarified the property size through land titles and returned the property to it's rightful owners, the people of Sandy Point. He along with a few other kind souls fenced the property some years ago. Harvey continues to faithfully cut the grass, paint the fence posts, and has attempted to plant some trees. He deserves a great many thank yous for his generous work.

This cemetery is located six and one half miles west, and two miles north of Burstall, Saskatchewan, at the junction of township road 202 and range road 12. The legal land description is SE 15-20-01- W 4. The one acre plot is enclosed by a barb wire fence, all posts are painted white and there is a sturdy metal gate. This is one of the few rural sites that receives regular maintenance and is probably the best groomed cemetery in the M.D. excluding the major city cemeteries.

Gnadenfeldt Baptist Cemetery

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Twp Rd 202

Rge Rd 12

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Sandy Point area

Cypress County