

Christensen, Nelsina (Christenson)

May 17, 1857

Denmark

August 10, 1914

Mitchell, South Dakota

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Obituary

Nelsina Christenson, the eldest daughter of Neils and Sophia Christenson was born in Hjorring, Denmark, May 17, 1857. Died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Anderson, in Mitchell, Aug. 10, 1914. Aged 57 years, 2 month and 23 years. She was one of a family of 7 children, having 5 brothers and 1 sister. One brother and the sister are dead. The brothers living are: Peter C. Christenson, of Racine, Wis., C. C. Christenson, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Lewis Christenson, of Hancock, Mich., and Edward Christenson, of Chicago, Ill.

Her early youth and childhood days were spent in her native country.

In the spring of 1873 at the age of 16 years she came with her parents to

Racine, Wisconsin, where she was united in marriage to Marcus P. Christensen, Dec. 27, 1873. To this union nine children, two sons and seven daughters, were born, eight of whom still survive her. An infant daughter, the second of her children having departed for "The Better Land" in childhood. Those living are: Mrs. Anna Helmey, of Centerville; Mrs. John Hanson, of Blue Grass, N. D.; Mrs. J. F. Anderson, of Mitchell; Mrs. C. W. Hagaman, of Wakonda; Mrs. Scott Taylor, of Huron, Frank F. Christensen, of Irene; Mrs. George W. Thompson, of Antelope, Mont.; and Arthur E. Christensen, of Centerville. After 10 years residence at Racine, Wis., she with her faithful husband and four little ones joined the western tide of emigration, resolved side by side to mould a future home upon South Dakota prairies.

At this home, five miles south-east of Viborg, she has resided continuously until taken to Mitchell for treatment about two and a half months ago. The last year of her life was spent in constant, yet patient, suffering from a dreadful disease from which best skilled medical or osteopathic science gave no relief, and to which she finally succumbed, surrounded only by those who were near and dear to her.

Mrs. Marcus Christensen was a faithful wife, a loving mother, and in her home life was illustrated all of those beautiful womanly virtues that will cause her to live on and on in the memories of her husband, her children and grandchildren and a large circle of friends and neighbors to whom her hand has ministered in so many times of sorrow and affliction.

May the God of all comfort sustain and soothe the sorrowing hearts that are left behind, to mourn the loss of wife and mother, and in their lonely hours may He give them strength and grace to say: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."