

PINNEY, Robert Orton

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PINNEY PASSES AT 89; WAS PIONEER

Robert Orton Pinney was born at Delhia, New York on Dec. 31st, 1847. While yet a quite young he came to Erie, Ill. There he grew to young manhood. Later he moved to LeMars, Iowa. In that place he was married to Gretie Carrie Potts of that same state, her home being in Orange City. On April 8, 1877 the young couple moved to Luverne, Minn. There Mr. Pinney engaged in the Carpenter trade. In that place they remained for two years, after which they came to Turner county, S. D., settling on a homestead. While doing pioneer work on this homestead and while bringing it under subjection he paid expenses by working at the carpenter trade in Centerville, Vermillion and in other nearby towns. The family meanwhile resided on the farm.

Mr. Pinney dwelt on this homestead, Northeast of Viborg until in 1918, with his wife, he moved to the city of Viborg. There he remained until 1933, when due to old age and failing health he went to live with his daughter, Mrs. E. A. Thomas, on the old homestead. Mrs. Pinney had passed away in November 1929. This loss left the old man lonely, yet undismayed.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinney were the parents of six children. Of these four, Lucy, Mattie, Joseph and Robert Jr., have gone on to the other shore. Two children, Blanch and Bert of Viborg survive; also five grandchildren. Mr. Pinney passed away peacefully on the night of Sunday, April 18, 1937 at the ripe old age of 89 years, 3 months and 17 days.

This writer has known Mr. Pinney for above twenty years. He always found him extremely courteous, kind and friendly. He often discussed with him matters political and religious. Always he manifested superior intelligence, acute understanding and high moral character. As a citizen, a family man and as a neighbor he took rank among the best.

A long and useful life has come to an end. He has earned his rest. May this be on the shore of that river that flows with unceasing life.

The funeral took place from the old homestead, Tuesday, April 20, at 1:00 p. m. with the services at the Viborg Baptist church. The interment was at the Hurley cemetery, C. E. Peters officiating and assisted by Rev. W. E. Prewitt. Hansen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. The sympathy of a host of friends goes to the bereaved family.