

HANSEN, Jens M.

January 28, 1858

Denmark

December 26, 1937

Viborg

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OLD PIONEER TAKEN BY DEATH SUN.

J. M. Hansen, early settler and resident of South Dakota for fifty-five years, died Sunday night, Dec. 26th, from heart disease.

Mr. Hansen was born January 28, 1858 in Hormosta Sogn, Vensyssel, Denmark. He immigrated to the U. S. in June 1882, arriving in Centerville, S. Dak. There were no hotels in Centerville at that time, so his first night in South Dakota was spent in a haystack. He found employment on various farms. In 1885 he was married to Christena Sorensen, establishing a home of their own on a farm. To this union were born three daughters, Ethel, Maybelle, who died in 1929; and Gertrude, who died in infancy. His first wife died in 1894. In 1896 he married Kathrine Storm, who with his eldest daughter, Mrs. Sixtus Nielsen, five grand children, two great-grandchildren, three brothers, one sister, and several nieces and nephews survive.

Funeral services were held December 29th, conducted by his old friends, Rev. H. M. Anderson and Dr. Peters, from the Baptist church in Viborg. Burial being in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Hansen was one of the early settlers in Turner County. The first thirty-eight years of his residence here were spent on his homestead in Salem Township, and in 1926 he retired, moving to Viborg, which was his home until the time of his death.

Mr. Hansen was noted for his friendly disposition and numbered his friends by his acquaintances.