MILLER, Nels Christian

January 23, 1851
Denmark
April 4, 1929
Viborg

Viborg Enterprise - April 10, 1929

OBITUARY

Nels Christian Miller was born January 23, 1851, in Klithms, Tranum Sogen, Hanhered, Vensysel, Denmark and died in Viborg, S. Dak., April 4, 1929, aged 78 years 2 months and 12 days.

In 1870 he emigrated to America, coming to Keokuk, Iowa.

During the first six years in America, he worked as a rock blaster in the construction of the Keokuk Canal and in the construction of the Memphis, Little Rock Railway in Arkansas and Tennessee.

He came to Chicago in 1876 and remained there nearly a year.

In 1877 he came to Dakota Territory and Homesteaded four miles from what is now Viborg.

January 17, 1880, he was united in marriage with Lissa Platt. To this union was born eleven children, four of whom, Johannes, Peter, Carrie, Andrew, have preceded him in death.

During his early years in Dakota he was employed on the Missouri river. He went through all the trials and troubles that fell to the lot of the pioneers—drought, blizzards, grasshoppers—with an undaunted courage and faith.

He has aided in building a great farm commonwealth out of a seeming bleak and endless prairie.

In 1902 the family moved to Viborg where they have since resided.

He leaves to mourn his loss two daughters, Mrs. Johannah Schilling and Mrs. Ernest Pierce, both of Viborg; five sons, Chris Miller, Sioux City, Iowa; Dave Miller, John E., Sam W. and Howard Miller, all of Viborg, and two sisters and three brothers in Denmark, 17 grandchildren and a host of friends and acquaintances.

The funeral took place from the home of Sam Miller and from the Baptist church on Sunday, April 7. The interment took place at the Baptist cemetery. Rev. H. M. Andersen and C. E. Peters officiating. Five sons and one nephew acted as pallbearers and six old friends as honorary pall bearers. The sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved family.

Leaf after leaf drops off, flower after flower,
Some in the chill, some in the warmer hour:
Alive they flourish, alive they fall,
And Earth who nourished them, receives them all.
Should we, Her wiser sons, be less content
To sink into Earth's lap when life is spent?

CARD OF THANKS

For the many kind words and deeds of friends and neighbors and for the services, floral offerings and singing at the services for our beloved father, we wish to express our deepest and most heartfelt thanks.

Mrs Elmer Schilling
Mrs. Ernest Pierce
Chris Miller
Dave Miller
John E. Miller
Sam W. Miller
Howard Miller