

HANSEN, Andrew

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Denmark
January 15, 1932
Mitchell, South Dakota

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OBITUARY

Andrew Hansen was born February 28th, 1848 in Orde Sogn, Fyen, Denmark. He came to the United States in 1875 and lived in Illinois a couple of years. He came to South Dakota in 1878 and settled on a homestead in the northwest corner of Spring Valley township and went through hardships of pioneer life like the rest of the old pioneers did. He lived on the same homestead until 1911 when he and family moved to Viborg. After a long, lingering illness he passed away at the Methodist hospital in Mitchell, S. D., January 15th, 1932 at the age of 83 years, 10 months and 15 days. Although his illness caused him immense suffering he bore his affliction with great patience.

He took active part in church work from the time he settled on the homestead and so long as his health would permit. He was always willing and glad to work for the Lord's cause. His faithful attendance to the services every Sunday until he was physically unable was an excellent example for every one to follow. When the Spring Valley church was organized he was one of the charter members, taking active part in the church work and occupying the position of president of the congregation. After moving to Viborg he became president of the Bethany Lutheran congregation an office which he ably filled for a number of years. During this time also he was treasurer of the congregation and teacher in the Sunday school.

He is survived by his wife and 3 daughters, Mrs. N. P. Hansen of Ethan, S. D., Nellie of Viborg and Mrs. Josie Hackett of Hurley and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. M. Nielsen in Bethany Lutheran church and interment made in the Rosehill cemetery in Viborg, Tuesday, January 19th. -Contributed