JOHNSON, George Hans

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## GEORGE H. JOHNSON

With the passing of George H. Johnson on Friday night, July 3rd, 1953, at the Andrew P. Johnson home, another of the old pioneers of the Center Point vicinity slipped away home. A fatal heart attack ended the life so fully and advantageously lived through the 83 years, 7 months and 11 days of his life cycle—years of happiness, successes and deep sorrows.

George Hans Johnson, the oldest child of Anne Jorgensen Johnson and Andrew Johnson, was born November 22, 1869, at Fjen, Denmark. When about 6 months old, George and his mother sailed from Denmark to join his father who had previously arrived in Wisconsin of the U. S. A. Four years there netted the family a nice black team of horses, a covered wagon and other belongings with which they journeyed westward until they reached the banks of the Vermillion River in Union County. They lived here, on the old Emerson place, for three years. George had for playmates little Indian children.

In 1876 the family homesteaded a ¼ section and timber claim in Daneville Twp. of Turner County. Here George grew to manhood.

On the 6th of March, 1895, he married a young Norwegian girl, Mathilda Mellegaard. Their home during the first four years was at the Peter Johnson homestead in Spring Valley. In 1899 they moved into Turkey Valley in the Center Point vicinity where they raised their family.

George Johnson always took an active part in the building of the community. The doors of his home were always open to those in need of food or shelter. When the community was in need of a church, he offered his home as a place for all church services to be performed. In later years he made his home at Louie Larsens but stayed most of the time with his other children.

The great sorrows of his life were the passing of a 9 month old son, Melvin; his loving wife in 1929; a loved daughter-in-law and two grandchildren in 1944; and his son, Albert, in 1950.

Grandpa Johnson will be missed by many friends and relatives but especially will his absence be felt by his children: Andrew of Parker, Anna (Mrs. Louie Larsen) of Centerville, Elmer of Viborg, Alice (Mrs. Clifford Gullickson) of Freeman, three daughters-in-law, two sons-in-law, 13 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 8 step grandchildren and 3 great-step-grandchildren, a sister Mary (Mrs. Amund Sorensen) and a brother, Martin T. Johnson, both of Viborg.

Funeral services were held at the home of Elmer Johnson and at his beloved Meldal Church in the afternoon of July 7, 1953. Interment at Meldal Church Cemetery.

Blessed be his memory.