CHRISTENSEN, Peter Larsen

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EARLY SETTLER ANSWERS CALL

P. L. Christensen Passed Away After Long Illness

P. L. Christensen passed away at his home southeast of Viborg Tuesday afternoon after a long illness.

Mr. Christensen was one of the early settlers in this vicinity, having homesteaded here about fifty years ago, and has spent his life here ever since that time.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 2nd from the home and the Baptist church at 2:00 o'clock P. M.

A full obituary will be published in next week's issue.

P. L. CHRISTENSEN PASSED AWAY TUES., APRIL 29

Came to This Country in the Early Sixties to Wisconsin

CHILDREN LEFT TO MOURN HIS LOSS

Funeral Held Last Friday—Interment in Baptist Cemetery

Peter Larsen Christensen was born at Benslev Denmark March 11th, 1836. He came to this country in the early sixties and settled at first as did so many of the people of this region, at Racine, Wis. After spending a couple of years in Iowa he came to South Dakota in 1864. Some years later he visited Denmark where he married Christine Madsen bringing his wife with him to this country. There were born to this union five children, Samuel, Alfred, Mrs. Otto Nelson, Mrs. Charles Johnson who lives in Viborg and vicinity and Clara who lives in Iowa. About twenty years ago his wife died and left him lonely save for his children.

Mr. Christensen was baptised in Denmark and united with the Baptist church of Frederikshavn. When he came to Dakota he brought his religion with him and helped to organize the Baptist church at Lodi, March 25th, 1872, becoming a charter member. Later when he moved to this vicinity he united with the local Baptist church. He was always a sincere and consistant christian and a faithful attendant at the services of his church when this was at all possible and his health permitted. He was liberal in his contributions to benevolence, to the church and to every good cause to the limit of his ability. Of late years exceeding poor health and extreme old age had been prohibitive of church attendance. But he never lost interest and in conversation it was soon discoverable where his heart was centered. Dr. Shanefelt in his South Dakota Baptist history related the interesting fact that he was the first Danish Baptist in South Dakota.

Mr. Christensen was always a hard worker, we might almost say too hard a worker. This while it did not shorten his life no doubt had something to do with the poor health that was his in his declining years.

For a long time past he has been a great sufferer from rheumatic pains. About three months ago he had what seemed to be a paralytic stroke. From this he did not recover and departed this life, April 29th, 1924.

A good man has gone home, a faithful steward has gained his release, a loyal servant has received his welcome. He has now reached that land where there is no weakness, no crying, no pain.

Blessed be the dead that die in the Lord.

The funeral took place from the home southeast of the city at 2:00 P. M., Friday, May 2nd, with the services at the Baptist church. The interment was at the Baptist cemetery, Rev. H. M. Andersen and Dr. C. E. Peters officiating.

A host of friends extend their sympathy to the bereived family.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to relatives and friends for the sympathy and kindness shown during the illness and death of our beloved father, and also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Christensen
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred M. Christensen
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Nelson
Mr. and Mrs. Charley Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rockwell