NELSON, Thomina (Larson)

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PIONEER OF NEAR CENTERVILLE DIES

Death came peacefully to another Turner County pioneer Wednesday evening at 7:15, August ,7th when Mrs. Thomina Larson Nelson passed away in the home on the farmstead where she had lived all her married life.

Thomina Larson was born in Horsens, Denmark, March 13, 1847. In about 1871 she accompanied a group of Danish folks who were emigrating to America and the group came first to Racine, Wis., where some of them remained. In the group were a number of families which have since become well known in Turner County, among them the Mads Rasmussens, the Soren Monk, and the Christ Christensen families. In 1837, the three families named above and Thomina Larson came to Dakota Territory and settled in Turner County.

In1874 Thomina Larson married Paul C. Nelson and they at once took up their home on his homestead, four miles west from the present site of Centerville and here Mrs. Nelson lived ever since. Mr. Nelson passed away in 1893, leaving his widow and one son. They were of the pioneer stock who made a great state here, honest and thrifty and willing to sacrifice many almost essential things in order to realize their ambition which had brought them to America.

One son was born to Mr. & Mrs. Nelson, Julius Nelson, and with him and his wife Mrs. Nelson made her home until her death. She was 88 years, 4 months and 24 days old at the time of her death, which is attributed to old age. Mrs. Nelson was rarely in bad health physically and even during the last few months showed her age but little. She was a member of the Methodist church and a regular attendant in her younger days.

There are besides the son, Julius, four grandchildren, Mrs. Millicent Manzel, Lyle, Annetta, and Helen Nelson and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon from the Julius Nelson home, Rev. Prewitt officiating. Rev. Prewitt, Grace and Mrs. Eddie Madsen sang; accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Helen Glood.

en Glood. Pall bearers: Adolph Krey, F. W. Bonine, Anton Frickson, M. V. Olsen, Geo. Nelson, and George Eriskson.And burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery at Viborg, South Dakota.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us in our bereavement in the death of our mother and grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Nelson
and family.