LONG, Chris Christensen

August 17, 1861
Denmark
December 3, 1936
near Viborg

Viborg Enterprise - December 10, 1936

C. C. Long Laid to Rest

Chris Christensen Long was born in Asdal Sogn, Denmark on August 17th, 1861. His father died before Chris was born and his mother died when he was three years of age, thus leaving him an orphan. His young brother, Jens Peter and sister, Johanne took care of him until he could shift for himself. At the age of twenty-three he entered the service of the Danish Marine and after having been honorably discharged, came to America in 1885 at the age of twenty five years; His brother Jens Peter loaned him money for his steamship passage; after arriving in Dakota Territory he worked at the Arch Rundell farm and other places until he saved up sufficient funds with which to start up farming for himself. His first venture was on the Tony Deidrich farm west of Hurley and next the Mrs. John H. Nielsen farm north of Viborg. In 1896 he purchased the Jens Jensen farm, his present home and immediately moved there.

On March 18th, 1892 he was united in marriage to Margrete Christensen and to this union was born six sons, as follows: Wilbert L.; Balsor P.; Harry C.; Chris C. Jr.; Tony C.; and Roy H.; all of Viborg.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife who passed to the Great Beyond on May 5th, 1921 and his brother Jens Peter who died in California in 1935.

After a lingering illness of several months, Chris Long as he was familiarly called, passed peacefully away at his home on December 3rd. 1936 at the age of 75 years, 3 months and 16 days. He left to mourn six sons, thirteen grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Johanne Madsen of Viborg, S. D.

Chris was a successful farmer and stockraiser; he was honest and industrious; he was an honored and respected citizen; he was a credit to the community. Two of his sons, Harry and Wilbert, served in the World War. Chris was highly devoted to his family; he took a great pride in his boys and freely extended credit to them for much of his success.

The six sons officiated as Pall Bearers that carried a good and loving father to his last resting place.

"He who influences the time in which he lives has influenced all the times that come after; He has left his impress on Eternity."

Funeral services were held Dec. 7, 1936 with Rev. N. P. Nielsen in charge and Rev Romer assisting; held from the home and Bethany Lutheran church. Interment at the cemetery west of Viborg.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to relatives, neighbors and friends for their kindness and sympathy extended us during the illness and death of our father, to the pastors of the Spring Valley and North Lutheran churches, for the use of the church in Viborg; for the singing, also the floral offerings.

The Long Family.