

PEDERSEN, Chris M.

September 15, 1865

Denmark

Died: mid-May of 1945

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CHRIS M. PEDERSEN

Chris M. Pedersen was born in Aistrup, Denmark on September 15, 1865. He came to America in 1880 at the age of 14. He was baptised and confirmed in the Lutheran faith in the local Lutheran parish in Denmark.

In the year 1890, he was married to Karen Marie Christensen and they built their home on the prairie in Turkey Valley Township. To this union three girls were born: Lena, at home, and Mrs. Stanley Pedersen of Irene and Sena, who preceded him in death on June 19, 1910.

Mr. Pedersen revealed much interest in community matters in the active days of his life, as he served as county commissioner of Yankton County for twelve years, served as school officer for twenty-four years, and also had been a director of the Bank, Elevator and The Farmers Store of Irene.

His wife passed away on November 9, 1944. Left to mourn his death are his two daughters, one grandchild; two sisters, Mrs. Chr. Aistrup of Wilmar, Minn., and Mrs. Jake Howard of Canton, S. Dak.; three brothers, Hans J. Christensen, Nels H. Christensen of Viborg, and Andrew Christensen of Porter Minnesota.

Funeral services were held on Monday, May 14, at his home and at the Bethany Lutheran Church. Rev. M. Harry Pedersen conducted the service. Music at the home was furnished by friends and at the church by a coral group. After the committal service a lunch for relatives and friends was served by the Ladies Aids of Bethany Church.

Pallbearers were Louie Christensen, Carl F. Christensen, Bert Christensen, Willie Long, Lars Christensen and Irvin Christensen. Interment was in The Bethania Cemetery.