NIELSEN, Jens Christian

September 19, 1864
Denmark
December 20, 1935
near Perry, Oklahoma

Viborg Enterprise -
January 8, 1936

J. C. NIELSEN OF OKLAHOMA PASSES

Pioneer Farmer; Started First Separator-Creamery in State; Served in Danish Army

Jens Christian Nielsen, pioneer farmer in the Sumner community, died at his home nine miles north and east of Perry, Okla., early Friday morning, Dec. 20, at the age of 71 years. He had been ill for four days from a complication of ailments.

Nielsen was born in Denmark, coming when a young man to the United States and settling in South Dakota. In Denmark he was a Corporal in the Danish army and a member of the Danish Brotherhood. He graduated from high school in Denmark.

Came to U. S.

After he came to the United States he attended college in Des Moines, Iowa, and lived later ni South Dakota, whre he was married in 1899. While in that state he was active in community affairs, serving for some time as a member of the school board and as justice of the peace. He was also a member of the Lutheran church.

In 1904 he came to Noble county and settled in the Sumner community with his family. He has been a member of the school board of Sumner for 12 years and was active in the consolidation move in that community.

Has Five Daughters

Besides his widow, Mrs. Sarah Nielsem, he is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Sophia Sheets, Mrs. Dagmar Armour of Perry, Miss Margaret Nielsen of Morrison, Mrs. Anna Rink of Sumner and Thora N. Nielsen of Perry; and one son, Walter Nielsen of Perry.

Three granddaughters and three grandsons in Noble county and two cousins in South Dakota also survive.

OBITUARY

Jens Christian Nielsen was born Sept. 19, 1864 in Vestrop, Denmark. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church. He received his elementary and high school education in Denmark.

He came to the United States in 1889 and settled in Iowa where he attended college. Later he moved to South Dakota where he was married in 1899 to Miss Sarah Petersen and established a home in Viborg, South Dakota. To this union six children were born; one son, Walter Nielsen, five daughters, Sophie (Mrs. George Sheets), Dagmar (Mrs. Armour), Margaret Nielsen, Anna (Mrs. Paul Rink) and Thora Nielsen.

While in South Dakota he was active in community affairs, serving for some time as a member of school board, and as justice of the peace. He was manager of a creamery, south of Viborg at Daneville, together with Erick Knudsen. This was the first separator creamery in the state. After some years Knudsen started farming and Nielsen sold the creamery to a Farmers Co-Operative Creamery. He also owned a creamery in Wakonda.

He was also a member of the Danish Brotherhood.

In 1904 Mr. Nielsen moved to Oklahoma and settled on a farm near Sumner. He has been a member of the school board of Sumner for 12 years and was active in the consolidation movement in that community. Mr. Nielsen was very much interested in education and his chief aim was to give every one an equal chance to obtain an education. He once made the statement that an education was something that no one could take away from us.

Mr. Nielsen was fraternal, affectionate, kind and considerate by nature and honesty was his policy. Many of the virtues which had to be so carefully cultivated in others were to him natural reactions of a tender noble and sympathetic heart.

He was a natural lover. He loved his home, his family. He loved dogs, horses, birds, flowers and trees. He loved the outdoors, the sunshine and the shadows. He loved his friends and he loved children and always had a friendly smile for everyone. He moved in human understanding came suddenly Friday morning, Dec. 20, at 2:30 as though touched from the other side he went on that long journey to greet his friends but they were not those of the earth, but those who had been carried over to the other side.