

KIER, Jens Christian Nielsen

Born: May 27, 1832

Denmark

Died: May 28, 1920

Viborg

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N. N. KIER GOES TO HIS REWARD

N. N. Kier, one of the oldest settlers in this part of the county passed away last week at the home of his son, Martin Kier, at an advanced old age. Mr. Kier was one of the early settlers of the county and settled in Swan Lake township along in the seventies. He was a fine gentleman and stood high in the community and raised a fine family who mourn a good father. His wife passed away a few years ago. The funeral was held last Sunday from the Seventh Day Adventist church of which he was a member and the remains were laid to rest in the Adventist cemetery. We hope to be able to give a complete obituary next week.

OBITUARY

Kier—Jens Christian Nielsen, was born at Vestre, Hjerreslev, Denmark, on the 27th day of May, 1832, and died at Viborg, South Dakota, May 28th, 1920, being 88 years and one day old at the time of his death. On the 6 day of January, 1864, he was married to Maran Pedersen Elerstegaar, and on the following day left his home to defend the honor of his native land in the war with Germany. In August, 1870 he came to America, locating in Benton county, Iowa. He remained in Iowa a little less than a year, after which he moved to Swan Lake, South Dakota, being the fourth settler to locate in Turner county. His home was gladdened by the arrival of nine children but his long sojourn in this world where sin and death reign, he was called upon to mourn the loss of his faithful companion and all but three of his children. The three children whom he leaves to mourn his decease are a daughter, Mrs. Annie Sorensen and two sons Messers. Martin and Pete Kier, all of Viborg, South Dakota.

In 1876 he heard and accepted the Gospel of Jesus Christ as taught in His Word and proclaimed by the Seventh Day Adventist denomination, being a faithful member of the Swan Lake church to his death. In his dying hour he was heard repeating the gospel commission. He was honored and respected as a loyal citizen and kind neighbor and loved as a true Christian by all who knew him. The writer assisted by Elder A. Schmidt conducted the funeral services, which were very largely attended, speaking words of hope and comfort based on Hos. 13:14. We laid him to rest in the Swan Lake cemetery, feeling assured that he will come forth in the first resurrection.—S. A. RUSKJER.

CARD OF THANKS

* To all the kind friends and neighbors whose sympathy and services were so kindly tendered during the sickness and death of our father, Mr. Nelsen Kier, and for the music and beautiful floral offerings we desire to extend our sincere thanks.

The Children