MOSSEFIN, Nils

October 9, 1844
Norway
April 17, 1932
southeast of Viborg

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Nils Mossefin was born in Vos Prestegjeld, Bergen, Norway, October 9 1844 of the parents, Sigri and Ed Mossefin. He was married in 1864 to Miss Gure Larson. In 1868, the family emigrated to America settling first in Spring Prairie, Wisconsin, where they remained two years, and then moved to Badger, Iowa where they lived four years.

Fifty-eight years ago May 8th, 1874 Mr. Mossefin took up a homestead three miles west of Viborg, having come overland in a covered wagon drawn by ox-team. The first home was a dug-out, and the family endured all the known hardships of the early day pioneers. About this time also, Mr. Mossefin was intrumental in organizing the first Lutheran church at Swan Lake.

Nine yeas later, the family moved to the farm four miles west of Centerville and this had been his home continuously for 49 years. On December 10, 1908 he was accepted into the Immanuel Lutheran Church. He had been baptized and confirmed in Norway.

Mr. Mossefin had been in poor health for a number of years, but had been up and around the home until ten days preceding his death. He passed peacefully away about 9 o'clock Sunday morning, April 17, at the age of 87 years, 6 months and 8 days.

Those who are left to mourn his departure are the sons, Ed, at home and John of Hurley, two daughters, Mrs. Dina Berg, Bucyrus N. D. and Mrs. William Williamson, Hurley, 27 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, an aged sister in Norway, Mrs. Dena Lunde who is living in the old home in Norway and several nieces and nephews. A baby son died in Iowa, his wife passed away on June 7, 1901 and the next year on August 9, a daughter, Mrs. Martha Johnson was called home.

Funeral services were held from the Immanuel Luthean church west of Centerville, at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon following a short prayer service at the Undertaking parlors at Viborg, the Rev. J. O. Gisselquist taking as his text a portion of the 90th Psalm. Two beautiful hymns were sung by a quartette composed of Judith Olson, Vivian Ostrem, Lauren Knutson and Glenn Knutson, accompanied by Mrs. Ariel Knutson. The pall-bearers were Tom Ostrem, Sivert Knutson, Ole Lunde, Albert Knutson, Knute Andahl and Ariel Knutson. Interment was made in the family plot beside his wife and daughter.

Peace be to his memory.—Contributed.