

Nelson, Nicholas

August 3, 1862

Denmark

March 8, 1935

near Centerville

March 20, 1935

FUNERAL

Nicholas Nelson, for more than 45 years a resident of Turner County, S. D., passed away in his home near Centerville, early Friday morning of last week, March 8th, 1935.

Among the pioneers of the county, he came at the age of 27 from his native land, Denmark, directly to Turner County. Here he lived, married, raised his family, and finally died one of the most respected and honored of the county's pioneers.

Mr. Nelson was born in Sindol, Denmark August 3, 1862. He emigrated to America in 1889.

On December 28, 1893 he was married to Mrs. Christina Madison. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, one of whom, Jewell, died in infancy. Two families grew up in the Nelson home, the family of Mrs. Nelson, and their five children; and to both families, both Mr. and Mrs. Nelson gave the same loving care.

The friends of Mr. Nelson were numbered by his acquaintances.

For 25 years or more Mr. Nelson took an active part in civic affairs of the community and also of the state, having been elected to the state legislature.

About 15 years ago Mr. Nelson was taken sick with rheumatism and since that time has been confined to his home. But his patience under these trying conditions was remarkable. He was cared for by his faithful wife before her death, and since that time by his two daughters, Mable Madison and Lucile. He deeply appreciated their care and showed it in his daily life.

On Sept. 29th, 1899, under the pastorate of Rev. H. M. Anderson, Mr. Nelson was accepted for baptism in the Viborg Baptist church and has been faithful to his church to the end. He loved the church, and although his health forbid his attending the services of the church, he was deeply interested in its affairs and contributed regularly and cheerfully to its support.

Mrs. Nelson passed away in July 1935. Surviving are the four children of Mrs. Nelson, who grew up with him and were cared for as his own, Ernest Madison of Viborg, Bernie of Minneapolis, Mable at home, and Gertrude, (Mrs. Louis Smith) of Sundance, Wyo., and the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, Chester and Vance of Centerville, Mamie of Sioux Falls, and Lucile and Altrude, also of Centerville; one sister, Mrs. P. C. Christensen of Omaha, Neb., and one brother, C. T. Nelson of North Yakima, Wash., also survive. Besides these there are eight grandchildren whom he loved dearly, and a host of relatives and friends.

—Contributed.