MADSEN, Martha Christine (Jorgensen) Ericksen

October 20, 1850
Denmark
March 16, 1939
Spring Valley Township

Viborg Enterprise - March 23, 1939

Mrs. Martha Christine Madsen

Mrs. Martha Christine Madsen was born in Fyen, Denmark, Oct. 20, 1850, where she was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith, which she remained faithful to unti her death.

Mrs. Madsen was first married to Niels Ericksen, who passed on into death wilhin a comparative short time after their marriage. Niels Ericksen, their son, was born after his father's death.

She was married to Zakarius Madsen, in the year 1877. Until 1880 they made their home in Denmark when they, that year, left Denmark and came to Yankton, South Dakota. With her husband, Mrs. Madsen settled on a homestead in Spring Valley township, Turner county, which became and remained their home until their last. Mrs. Madsen endured the many hardships of pioneer life . Mr. Madsen, her husband, preceded his wife in death in 1925. Mrs. Madsen passed away at her home on March 16, 1939, being 88 years, 4 months and 24 days.

She leaves to mourn her death five children. Two daughters, Karen, Mrs. Anton Christensen, passed on before, 1918, and Mary, Mrs. Anton Westergaard in 1936. Niels Ericksen, at home; Mads J. Madsen, of Irene, with his famil; Betty, Mrs. Peter Jensen, of Irene, and her family; Sarah, Mrs. Andrew Christensen, of Viborg, and her family; 35 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren.