MADSEN, Johanne Elcia (Norman)

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Respected Viborg Pioneer Homesteader Passes

JOHANNE MADSEN

Johanne Elcia Norman was born in Asdal Sogn, Jylland, Denmark o nFebruary 19th, 1855.

Her father died when she was six year old and her mother died when she was 10 years of age, thus leaving her an orphan. She was the oldest of three children, her two brothers having preceded her in death.

She immigrated into America in the year 1879 arriving in Dakota Territory where she worked in Yankton until her marriage to Jorgen Madsen, on December 2, 1880. Soon after her marriage she moved with her husband to their homestead one miles west and one and one-half mile north of Viborg.

There were six children born to this union as follows:

Johanna Jorgina (Mrs. J. P. Christensen, Twin Brooks, S. D.;) Matilda Hancena (Mrs. M. Wood, of Viborg, S. D.); Jorgen Christian, of New Underwood, S. D.; Nettie Marie (Mrs. Stephen Nelson, of Centerville, S. D.); Ehler Peter, who passed away December 22, 1928; Karen Christine (Mrs. Carrie Buckstead, of Cudahy, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Madsen remained on the homestead with her husband and until after his death on June 29, 1909. She moved into Viborg in 1909, where she remained until about a month before her death

Mrs. Madsen suffered a fatal stroke and passed away on the morning of June 17, 1939, being 84 years, 3 months, 16 days of age. She had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Stephen Nelson for the past month since she had been in declining health.

She was a woman of generous impulses and never forgot the hospitable ways of the pioneer. She had borne hardships bravely and enjoyed prosperity quietly. She had filled the various relations of life, as daughter, sister, wife, mother, friend, neighbor and filled them well. Who can do more? But she is gone! Another name is stricken from the ever lessening roll of our old settlers. Her life work was done and well done. She will be greatly missed by her five children, seventeen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Six nephews, her youngest brother's sons, officiated as pallbearers that carried her to her last resting place.

Funeral services were conducted from the South Lutheran church Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Jespersen officiating. Burial was in the family lot in Bethany cemetery.