

CHRISTENSEN, Niels

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Denmark

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Stockholm, South Dakota

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Niels Christensen was born at Bindslev, Denmark, on February 15th, 1843, where he grew to manhood. On January 1st, 1865 he was united in marriage to Rasmine Hansen and to this union was born 14 children, eleven of whom are liv-

ing, as follows: Harry and Harl, of Hill City, Minnesota, George and Charley of Orange, Mrs. Clara Ibsen, of Underwood, S. D., Lawrence, Emma, Clarence, Lindsey and Mrs. Agnes Steffensen, of Sotckholm, S. D., and Frank of Pontiac, Michigan, and those who preceded their father in death were: Christian, infant, Emma, age two years and Mrs. Cora Nelson, age 50 years. Besides his children, he is survived by a devoted and loving wife, forty-two grand children and twenty-five great grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives in Grant and Turner counties.

In the year 1866 Niels Christensen, wife and infant son immigrated to the United States and located at Racine, Wisconsin, where they resided until the year 1872 when they moved to Dakota Territory and took up a homestead in Turner county near Centerville. They endured all the rigors of prairie pioneer life, hard times, droughts, grasshoppers and prairie fires, but withstood all those hardships with patience, perseverance and fortitude. In the year 1903 the family moved to Stockholm, S. D., where they have made their home for the past 27 years. Niels Christensen was one of those quiet, unassuming men, who loved his home and family and was always looking after its welfare. He was justly proud of his children and he greatly enjoyed their frequent visits during the past few years.

His three brothers, Jens, Christian and Peter, and two sisters, Mrs. N. L. Hoyne and Mrs. S. N. Monk who were also early pioneers in Turner county, preceded him in death.

He passed peacefully away at his home in Stockholm, S. D. on March 6th, 1930 at the age of 87 years and 19 days.