

OBITUARY

Erik J. Austad died at his home in Hannaford on Wednesday morning, Jan. 15, 1908, after suffering for about three weeks with rheumatic fever which developed into heart disease with fatal result.

Erik Austad was born in Modum, Norway, and spent the first 26 years of his life there. In 1881 he and his brother Nils immigrated to this country and resided for two years at Baldwin, Wis. They came to Griggs county in 1883 and took homesteads in Bartley township. Erik sold his farm about 10 years ago and moved to Hannaford where he started to make and repair harnesses, a business which he was engaged in until a few weeks ago when he was confined to his bed by the illness which ended with his death last Wednesday.

Deceased was secretary of the Hannaford Lutheran congregation and also of the Hannaford Temperance Society. He was interested in the Sunday school work and gave liberally both of his time and means to aid any deserving cause. He was an industrious and conscientious man, tended strictly to his own duties, offended no one, and in all his dealings was scrupulously honest. Of him it may truly be said that he had charity for all and malice to none.

Deceased was unmarried, and his only near relative in this country was his brother Nils.

Funeral services were held from the house on Friday, Jan. 17. The funeral sermon was preached in the church by Rev. Thoreson, a large number of the friends of the deceased being present. The remains were laid to rest in the St. Olavs cemetery at Walum.