

Wellick Hanson.

Another of our earliest pioneers and one of the first stragglers for existence on this prairie, has now departed.

Wellik Hanson emigrated from Biridalen, Norway, in 1865 and came to Rush River, Wis. There he took up a piece of timberland, where he with hard labor cleared a home for himself and family. In 1883 he took his family and went west to Dakota and filed on a homestead in the township of Bartley. He lived here until the last year of his life which he and his wife spent partly with a married daughter, Mrs. Helene Foss, Stillwater, Minn., and later on with a son, Andrew Hanson, Waterville, Iowa.

His death came suddenly, Dec. 23, at Waukon, Iowa, at the age of 78 years. The death was caused by heart disease from which he has suffered these last years. He was interred at Waterville, Iowa, Dec. 29. Rev. Gronlid, of Waterville, performed the last rites.

Deceased leaves a wife and family of six sons: Tom, Andrew, Christ, Hans, Matt, and William Hanson and one daughter, Mrs. Helene Foss.

Forty-five years here of struggle has ended. It was a long and hard struggle. He came a sturdy man, with but his courage and two hands to find an honest way of existence for himself and family and through many trials and drawbacks he managed to make a little home. He sleeps and he deserves the rest after his years of toil. T—