

Pioneer Of '79 Died Christmas

LIVED FOR 30 YEARS IN THE VICINITY OF FRIED POST-OFFICE.

Mrs. Christina Nogosek, widow of George Nogosek, died the day before Christmas at the home of her son, F. L. Nogosek, 6 miles southeast of Kensal, and the funeral was held Saturday in Fried where the remains were laid to rest. She was one of the pioneer residents of the county, having made her home here for over 34 years, a long time in the history of this new state. Some six months ago she left Jamestown, where she had made her home for three and one-half years, to live in Kensal.

Mrs. Christina Nogosek was born in Oppeln, Germany, Jan. 20, 1843, and there she made her home until 29 years of age when she came to the United States and to Independence, Wis. There she lived for seven years or until 1879, when she and husband came to Stutsman county and settled upon land at Fried. There she made her home for 30 years and until four years ago when she removed to Jamestown to pass her declining years with her son, Anthony. Six months ago she removed to the home of her son, Frank, who built her a nice home on his farm where she lived in comfort during the last few months of her life, at which place she died of old age and more particularly of what is designated as heart failure. Her husband was drowned 11 years ago in Spiritwood Lake.

Nine children are left to mourn. They are as follows: Mrs. Theo. Gospodor and Mrs. Charles Genzal of Jamestown; Mrs. Max Gruchalla of Windsor; Mrs. F. W. Skrock of Kensal; Thomas of Courtenay, Peter of Fried and Anthony of Independence, Wis.

The pall bearers at the funeral services, held Saturday at Fried, were all grandchildren and were as follows: P. S. and C. W. Gospodor, Frank Skrock, George, Joseph and Eddie Nogosek. Burial was made in the Catholic

cemetery.

All of the children, except only Mrs. Theo. Gospodor of this city, who is ill, were present at the funeral. The deceased left 55 grand children—27 girls and 28 boys. Also 9 great grand children. Peter Skrock, an only brother, lives in Jamestown.

The aged pioneer was a member of the fast diminishing number of those who came here in the early days and helped to make Stutsman county what it is today. Peace to her ashes. She was a strong and industrious woman, faithful wife and her demise will be regretted by many.

Leads In Consolidated Schools

Mr. N. C. MacDonald, inspector of rural consolidated schools for North Dakota in an interview at Devils Lake gives a brief report of the gathering of Grand Forks County School Directors held in Grand Forks recently and follows with comments upon North Dakota consolidated schools. Mr. MacDonald said:

"The more improvement addresses at Grand Forks were made by G. W. Randall of the Agricultural College and Prof. Phillips of the Department of Public Instruction of the State of Minnesota. Consolidation of rural schools formed an important part of the discussion and the meeting showed this subject to be of increasing interest in the state.

In the progress of rural school consolidation North Dakota compares favorably with Minnesota. While the state aid to consolidated schools in Minnesota is six times as large as that of this state. North Dakota has 100 more consolidated schools than the Gopher state. During the last year we have perfected 18 more consolidations than has Minnesota, and I believe that if this state had the same inducements to offer in the way of state aid as has the sister state to the east, we would have done even better.

"The central and western part of the state lead in the consolidation of its rural schools. So