

Ingebret Semenson

Mr. Ingebret Simonson, the subject of this sketch, was born in Gudbrandsdalen, Norway, Dec. 14, 1858. His parents were Simon and Olona Johnson. He grew to manhood in this picturesque district of Norway, and shared the lot of the common folk of the community. In 1883, when 25 years old, Mr. Simonson immigrated to America, coming to Western Wisconsin. After a brief stay of about a year, he, together with others of Mabel community, decided to heed the call to "go west," making North Dakota their goal. He settled in Griggs county on the old Simonson farm south of Sutton, where he resided until two years ago. He thus established his claim to the honor of being one of the early pioneers of Griggs county.

In 1883 he married Bertha Jerstad and to this union one child, a daughter, was born. His wife died in 1916, and on Dec. 14, 1920, he married Mrs. Lizzie Hanson, and since that date they have made their home in Hannaford.

Deceased has been suffering for over a year from cerebral neoplasia, and for 25 weeks has been in bed partly paralyzed. Last spring he sought medical aid in Rochester, but although relieved for a time no permanent cure was possible, and he lingered on until Friday, Sept. 29, 1922, at 1:55 when death mercifully relieved him from his suffering.

Besides the widow, near relatives surviving to mourn his loss are a daughter, Mrs. Frank Nelson; two brothers, Otto and John Simonson; and two sisters, Carrie Simonson and Mrs. Martha Wilson.

Brief services were conducted at the house at one o'clock Monday, Oct. 2, and the funeral services were held at three o'clock in the Mabel Church, after which the remains were interred in the Mabel cemetery, Rev. Geo. S. Natwick officiating.

Mr. Simonson was one of the charter members of the Mabel Lutheran congregation, and gave liberally of his time and substance to the up-building of this organization. As one of the early settlers of the Mabel community he bore a part in the trials and hardships incident to pioneer life, and the services he rendered and the sacrifices he made in its up-building are an indelible part of the prosperous community of which he was for so many years a valuable citizen.