

Mrs. Andrew Fortney

Mrs. Andrew Fortney died at her home in the township of Bartley Wednesday, October 9, 1918, of influenza complicated with pneumonia at the age of 61 years, 10 months, and 9 days.

Sussanna N. Bringe was born on the farm Bringe in Sogn, Norway, on November 30th, 1857. She was the daughter of Nils P. Bringe and his wife Kari Stegene. At the age of ten she came to America, remaining in Iowa for a few months, later moving to Vernon county, Wisconsin, where she remained until 1882 when she came to Griggs county and located on a homestead. In the fall of the same year she was united in marriage to Andrew Fortney, who had just located on an adjoining claim. Their marriage was solemnized at Valley City on December 15, of that year, the Rev. E. S. Preston performing the ceremony. They were thus among the earliest settlers in this part of Griggs county, locating here before the railroad was built, and sharing the hardships of pioneer life. They have continuously made their home here and have lived on the farm or in their house in town ever since 1882 with the exception of a trip to Norway in 1902, or brief visits to other states.

Mrs. Fortney had started the construction of a second house in Hannaford just south of the Great Northern depot, and it undoubtedly was when she made a trip from the farm to inspect the progress made on the new house that she contracted the sickness that resulted in her death. She became sick on Monday, Sept. 30th, and although every care was taken to check the disease, no measures were of any avail, and on Wednesday, October 9th, she breathed her last.

Funeral services were held on Friday, October 11th, from the house, and in the Lyster church near the Fortney farm. Rev. Sweger and Rev. Njust, both partaking in the services. Rev. Sweger had also given her spiritual comfort the evening before she died. The remains were interred in Lyster cemetery.

Relatives from a distance who attended the funeral were Christian N. Bringe and Albert N. Bringe, half-brothers of the deceased; Mrs.

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Kari Sviggum, half-sister; Mrs. Skiri, a niece; and Mrs. Bertha Kins and Mrs. Stenson, daughters of Mr. Fortney's sister, and Mrs. Fortney's two nieces, Ella and Emma, of New Rockford.

Mrs. Fortney endured the trials and hardships of pioneer life, and she also lived long enough to gain a competency of this world's goods, but instead of spending her declining years in peace and plenty, the grim reaper gathered her in his fold

and she was called away to her heavenly home while still in the meridian of life.

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