

Obituary

Edwin Olson Bakhus was born December 1st, 1843 in Rauland, Telemarken, Norway, and was reared in his native country. He left for the new world in 1863, and came first to Wisconsin where he worked one year. From there he went to Dakota county, Minnesota, where he was occupied with farming until the spring of 1883 when he came to the Township of Greenfield, Griggs County, N. D., and took a homestead close to Hannaford and made his home on it for many years. Later he sold his homestead and moved to Hannaford where he has lived for several years.

On the 4th of June 1874 Edwin Olson was married in Dakota, Minn., to Miss Ingeborg Johnson, who died here in Hannaford, January 26, 1912. Eight children were born to this union as follows: Marie, Oliver, Alfred, Sidney, Edgar, Chester, Nettie, and Ruth. The oldest child, Mrs. Marie Markuson, died here 14 years ago.

Mr. Olson had always been a strong, robust man until about five years ago, when he had a paralytic stroke and since that time he has been falling in health. The latter part of January, this year, he contracted the flu which settled on his lungs and that, together with his age, resulted in his death at St. Lukes hospital at Fargo where he had been taken for treatment, death occurring on Saturday, March 6th.

Funeral services were held in the Hannaford Lutheran Church, Tuesday, March 9th, the remains having been taken here for interment. Rev. P. A. Thoreson spoke briefly in both English and Norwegian, and also officiated at the cemetery. The many floral tributes testified to the high esteem in which the deceased was held by all in this community where he had lived so long.

Edwin Olson was one of the earliest pioneers of this community, locating here in 1883. He endured his share of the hardships and privations of the pioneer, a stranger in a strange land, but he succeeded in building for himself and his family a home in the new country, and bore a valliant part in developing this community.