

OBITUARY OF ANDREW GOPLEN

Wanamingo (Minn.) Progress: Andrew A. Goplen, well known farmer of Roscoe township, died on Sunday, Feb 17, from pneumonia, following an illness of only two days. On Thursday last he was in Zumbrota. Later he became ill, pneumonia developed and he passed away at 12 o'clock, Sunday. Mr. Goplen had been troubled for some time past with high blood pressure, and it is presumed that this condition was a contributing cause of his death.

Funeral services were held Friday, Feb, 22, and were attended by a crowd of friends and neighbors that taxed the capacity of Roscoe Center church, where funeral services were conducted by Rev N. Okerlund, following brief services at the home. Interment was made in Zumbrota cemetery.

All members of the immediate family were present at the funeral. Those from a distance were Albert and D. A. Goplen, of Binford, N. Dak., Mr. and Mrs Edwin Erickson and three children of Hettinger, N. Dak., and Miss Anna Goplen of Chicago.

Musical selections were rendered by a quartette and Martin Halvorson sang a solo. Many beautiful floral offerings testified of the high esteem in which deceased was held in the community where he had resided for half a century. The remains were carried to the grave by six nephews of the deceased: O. A. Olson, Oscar Finstuen, Alfred Froyom, John Froyum, Henry Goplen, and Johannes Lunde.

Andrew A. Goplen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arne Goplen, was born Sept. 24, 1857, on the Goplen farm in Torpen Nordere Land, Norway. He was 66 years, 4 months and 23 days old at the time of death. At twelve years of age, he came to America with his parents, who settled in Roscoe township in this county. In early manhood he was united in marriage to Miss Sigrid Davidson. After operating the old home place for a few years, he bought another farm in Roscoe, which he later sold and moved to Binford, N. Dak. After residing there three years he returned to Roscoe to take over the Davidson farm property, which he retained at the time of his death.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Goplen, all of whom with the wife and mother, survive him. The children are Albert and D. A., of Binford; Mrs. Edwin Erickson of Hettinger, N. D.; Miss Anna Goplen of Chicago; Martin Goplen, Zumbrota; Misses Julia and Ellen and Edwin. Four sisters also survive, and 16 grand children.

Mr. Goplen was a quiet even-tempered man of affable and engaging manners, and his friendships were as numerous as his acquaintances. Conscientious and honorable in all his dealings, he ranked high in the estimate of all his associates and his death brings to them all a feeling of profound sorrow and regret.