

John F. Rickford, one of the old settlers of this community, died at his home last Sunday evening, from an illness of only short duration. Complications of grippe and pneumonia were the cause of his death. Deceased was born in Germany and had he lived until next April 9th. he would have been 77 years of age. His wife died two years ago. The children who survive him are Mrs. Jake Messner, Mrs. Joe Coty of West Superior, Wisconsin, Ernest Rickford, who lives on the farm north of town, and Albert and Richard and Mrs. Gunning who reside in Montana. Mr. Rickford settled in Wisconsin after reaching this country from Germany. Later he moved to Iowa. In the spring of 1881 he came to North Dakota and settled at Casselton. The following year he moved to Nelson county, where he has since resided. The funeral is being held today, at the home of Ernest Rickford at 11 o'clock and at Cottonwood church at 1:30, Rev. P. F. Seigel officiating.