

AGED PIONEER IS GONE

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Halvor Berg, Aged and Honored Citizen of Cooperstown, Called by Death.
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Halvor Berg died on Monday, April 3, 1911, at 10:10 a. m., at the home of his son, Andrew H. Berg, in Cooperstown.

Mr. Berg was born in Telemarken, Norway, March 6, 1822, and came to America in 1851, with his mother, brother and sister, and located at Muskego, Wis. The trip across from Norway to Milwaukee took 16 weeks by sail boats and canal boats across the state of New York. They reached Muskego during the cholera epidemic and the mother died three days after they reached there. She was buried in the cemetery where the first Lutheran church built in America stood. It may be of interest to state that the Norwegians in Norway contriguted \$400 to assist their countrymen in America to build this church. In 1853 Mr. Berg and others went on a trip to Iowa to look over the land. They went out by train, going as far as Independence, and returned on foot. In 1855 he married Miss Margit Sorenson and took up land in Boone county, Ill., where they lived until '59, when they emigrated to Fillmore county, Minn. Their nearest town for years was Winona, a port on the Mississippi. They were among the first settlers in both Boone and Fillmore counties. Mrs. Berg died in 1876 on the Fillmore county homestead, and Mr. Berg came to Cooperstown in 1900. He is survived by five sons, Andrew H., Soren H., Lewis, John H., and Anton, and one brother, Sigurd, residing at Courtenay, who is vrey feeble, being 91 years of age.

The funeral was held yesterday at the Lutheran church at 2:30 p. m., and interment made in the Cooperstown cemetery.

In the passing away of Halvor Berg a good, upright, sturdy citizen has gone. He leaves behind him a clean record of a well spent life and a family of upright sons, who, like their aged parent, have been a credit to themselves as well as to the communities in which they live. He has rounded out his life and the world has lost a good man. The Courier extends its sympathy to those who have been so heavily bereaved.