

NICOLAI SWENSON

Hon. Nicolai Swenson was born at Eidfjord, Hardanger, Norway, Dec. 31, 1854, and died at Valley City, N. D., Friday, Feb. 8, 1918, after suffering from tuberculosis for the past two or three years.

With the death of Nicolai Swenson there passes the earliest pioneer of the southwestern part of Griggs county. He located in Dover township in 1881, coming there from Hillsboro. He has been closely identified with the affairs of his township, county and state, having held numerous local offices, has been treasurer of Griggs county for two terms, and a member of the state legislature for one term.

Deceased is survived by the widow and five children, three boys, Swen, Albert and Alvin; and two girls, Clara and Gladys. For some years past the family had been making their home in Valley City to give the children the schooling advantages of that city, and on account of Mr. Swenson's failing health, being unable to stand the rigors of active farm life.

The funeral was held Tuesday, Feb. 12, interment being made in Eidfjord cemetery under the rites of the Lutheran church. Rev. P. A. Thoreson of Hannaford and Rev. Neseth of Valley City were the officiating pastors. An unusually large crowd was present to pay their last respects to the departed dead.

Hon. Nicolai Swenson was a citizen admired and esteemed by young and old. It is of great value to have men of his sterling character among its citizens. He has set an example of devotion and service, that will long live in the hearts and minds of all who came in contact with him.

We are all better men and better citizens because Nicolai Swenson has lived and worked among us.