

Life of Mr. & Mrs. Matthias Zimmerman

Matthias Zimmerman was born at Beausville, Ontario, Canada, July 2, 1836.

Henrietta Dianna (Nettie) Brown was born at Ransomville, New York, May 30, 1841, where she lived until shortly after her marriage to Matthias Zimmerman in Sept. 1865. They lived for a while in Maryland and also in Pennsylvania, coming to North Dakota in August 1883, before the railroad was completed. Four children were born of this marriage, of whom only one, Bertha, lived to grow up. They located on a farm two and a half miles south of Cooperstown, N.D., where they resided until they moved to Florida in 1907, purchasing a home and orange-grove a few miles north of Ormond. Here they resided until Mrs. Zimmerman's death, Jan. 24, 1911, of heart failure. She was buried at Ormond, Florida.

Mr. Zimmerman then sold his property and returned to North Dakota where he lived with his daughter, Mrs. Andrew Sinclair, for a year, at which time the family moved to

California. He lived there until his death in January, 1924. He was buried at Ukiah, Cal. The daughter and three grandchildren still survive.

Among the incidents Mr. Zimmerman often recalled was the time a cyclone whipped part of the roof off the house, blew down the chimney, and tore off a shed, scattering it in kindling wood over a wide area.

Mrs. Zimmerman gave piano lessons in the early days to many pupils, of whom several still survive in Cooperstown and vicinity.