

A Pioneer of Vernon Township.

Hon. Erick C. Himle, one of the pioneers of Dodge county, died at the hospital at Bismark, N. D., Sunday, March 13, 1910, of Bright's disease. The remains arrived here Tuesday.

In the death of Mr. Himle ends a long, useful and eventful life. Born in Voss, Norway, Oct. 19, 1830, he came to America with his parents in 1850 and settled at Koshkonung, Wis. In 1854 he was married to Miss Syn-eve Qualle and in 1857 he and his wife came to Minnesota and settled in Vernon township, Dodge county, where he lived until his wife died in the spring of 1859. With her he had eight children, the oldest, Claus, and the youngest, Aase, having preceded the father to the grave. Those living are, Mrs. Gertrude Lillehaugen of Benedict, N. D.; Ellend and Ole of Vernon; Mrs. Dorothea Moglestus of Christiania, Norway; Mrs. O. A. Jacobson of Mantorville; and Mrs. Martha Trygstad of Kalispell, Montana.

Mr. Himle was married to his second wife, Mrs. Maren Brandvold, in Christiania, Norway, in June, 1902, and after returning to this country settled in Hayfield and lived here until 1907, when he and his wife moved to Benedict, N. D., where they filed on a homestead and lived up to the time of his death.

Two weeks ago Mr. Himle was taken ill with his old trouble Bright's disease, and was taken to the hospital at Bismarck, where he received the best of medical aid and care, but nothing could be done for him. He suffered much, but he was patient, and his only wish seemed to be to go and be at peace with his God. Even after his voice failed him those near him could see his lips move as if in prayer, until the last struggle was over. Those at his bedside when he passed away were his wife, his daughters, Mesdames Lillehaugen, Jacobson and Trygstad, and his grandson, Ernest Jacobson; all of whom accompanied the remains to Hayfield.

At the funeral today (Friday) his former pastor and friend, Rev. J. A. Thorson, will officiate and the remains will be laid to rest in the West St. Olof cemetery at the side of those of his first wife and oldest son.

During the Civil War, Mr. Himle acted as recruiting officer, with headquarters at Rochestersr. He represented Dodge county in the state legislature in the session of 1879. Politically he was a staunch Republican and always an active worker for the party. He was respected and honored by all who learned to know him.

A Pioneer Boy of Milton and Elling-

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