

EMANUEL EMERICK 1920

Emanuel Emerick was born Oct. 18, 1830 in Somerset county, Pa. He was one of a family of thirteen children, eight boys and five girls. He grew to manhood in the county of his nativity and was united in marriage with Elizabeth Boddmeid on Feb. 10, 1856.

In the spring of 1857 they came to Iowa settling near what is now Carnforth, where he was engaged in blacksmithing and farming. Later they moved to a farm five miles west of Hartwick. In 1871 they moved to Brooklyn where he followed his trade, blacksmithing.

The advent of three children made glad the household. They are: Mrs. Josephine Whelan, Grinnell, Mrs. Margaret Rugh, of Portland, Ore., and D. F. Emerick, Orion, Illinois.

His wife died in 1882. For four years he maintained his home and in 1886 went to northwest Iowa and made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Whelan. Thirty-four years he found shelter and tender care in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Whelan. The loss of his eyesight ten years ago left him shut in from much of life's enjoyments, but he never lost the quietude and serenity of life.

His days upon the earth were many as we count years for man. He passed to his eternal reward at midnight, Nov. 10, 1920, having attained the age of ninety years and twenty three days. He leaves beside his three children, eleven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

He was reared in Christian faith as it is found in the Lutheran church. With this church he held his Christian fellowship through life and by it entered his rest.