

AY, AUGUST 22, 1919

NONAGENARIAN PASSES

Thomas M. Newton Dies at the Ripe
Old Age of Ninety-two
Years.

HAD LIVED IN AND NEAR
GRINNELL SINCE 1867

Born in Norway He Proved a Useful
Citizen of His Adopted
Country.

Few men live to the age of 90 years in full possession of their mental faculties, but that is the fortune which came to T. M. Newton who died Saturday evening, August 16, at 9 o'clock, having reached the age of 91 years, 8 months and 8 days.

Mr. Newton was born in Norway, December 8, 1827. At the age of 16 he came alone to the new world to try his fortune in the land of promise. For a time he lived near Chicago, but later moved to Wisconsin. In 1867 he moved with his family to Malcolm township, this county, about five miles southeast of Grinnell. Since that date he has been always identified with Grinnell life.

Mr. Newton has been twice married, a son by his first marriage living now in California. January 1, 1876, he was united in marriage with Georgina Olson, who with five children survives him.

About thirty years ago Mr. Newton moved with his family to Grinnell, having purchased their present home of Dr. Kennedy. Here they have lived ever since, recognized as a family of sincere Christian endeavor, living daily the kind of a life that Christ taught and exemplified.

Mr. Newton was a member of the Lutheran church and he lived constantly up to its best teachings.

During his illness he was comforted and sustained by his faith in Christ, and, retaining to the last his mental faculties unclouded, he sang and repeated comforting hymns and Bible passages, which helped to cheer the passing hours.

A kind family cared for him during his last hours and did all that loving hearts could do to fill them with cheer and hope.

The funeral services were held at the home Tuesday at three o'clock, conducted jointly by Rev. Robert Lincoln and Rev. John Lincoln. The text for the service were the last words spoken by Mr. Newton to his sons: "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, and call upon him when he is near." They were words of comfort and inspiration, appropriate to the life of the good man who had fallen asleep. The music consisted of solos by Mrs. Homer Rivers. Bearers were G. O. Watland, Eric Erickson, Geo. Sampson, John Evans, Will Alley and Martin Eichhorn.

One of Mr. Newton's thoughts to his family called upon them to do right, repeatedly reminding them that "What you do speaks louder than what you say." His was a useful life, not so much for outward deeds that impressed the community, as for his pure and simple life, lived an honest, earnest way, inspiring those near him with a love for the best, highest and purest ideals.

Relatives from a distance who came to attend the funeral were T. K. Maakstad of Steward, Ill.; D. Knutson of Radcliffe, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Larson, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Larson and O. T. Larson, all of Sac county.