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Blair man passed away Sunday June 20th at the home of his daughter and son-in-law Marie and Ed Nielsen after a two months illness. He was one of Washington County's long time residents and had lived on Nebraska Street for 47 years. Since the death of his wife in 1952 he had made his home with the Nielsens.

Mr. Wolsmann was born in Seest by Kolding on July 24th, 1865 and would have been 100 years old in another month. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith in his native Parish.

He came to America November 2nd, 1882, went back to Denmark five years later and brought back his future bride, Bodil Johanne Madsen Bade. They were married September 10th, 1887 and in 1952 they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

The Wolsmanns farmed near Orum until 1904 later moving to a farm northwest of Kennard. They retired and moved to Blair in 1918.

Former Blairite Stricken Sunday

Mrs. Johanna Garske, a former Blair resident but currently living at 1820 North 32nd street, Omaha, died Monday of a heart ailment. Mrs. Garske, who was 74 years of age, was visiting at the home of her brother, Hjalmer Quist when stricken Sunday. The Rescue Squad was called to take her to the hospital.

Mrs. Garske is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Janette Wood of Omaha; grandson, Larry, sister Anna Quist of Omaha; brothers, Hjalmer, Alfred and Edward Quist of Blair and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Garske was born January 1, 1891 in Sweden. At the age of one year she came to Blair with her parents and three sisters and grew to womanhood here. July 5, 1922 she married Reinhold L. Garske who died in 1949. The couple moved from Blair to Omaha a few years after their marriage. Mrs. Garske has resided in Omaha the past 35 years.

Pallbearers were her brothers Hjalmer, Alfred and Edward Quist, grandsons, Roland Richter, James Jensen and Stanley Soske.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the First Lutheran church in Blair, the Rev. George Pallesen conducting the service.

Burial, under the direction of the Bendorf Funeral Home, was made in the Blair cemetery.

Mr. Wolsmann is survived by two sons, Soren Wolsmann and Henry Wolsmann, and by three daughters, Mrs. J. T. Nelson (Annie), Mrs. Nels Buchardt (Meta), and Mrs. Ed Nielsen (Marie), all of Blair. Preceding him in death are his wife, another son Pettef and two infant children. Other survivors are 11 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday June 23, at 3:30 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church, the Rev. George Pallesen officiating. Arrangements were in charge of the Bendorf Funeral Home. Burial was made in the Orum cemetery. Pallbearers were grandsons Robert Wolsmann, Eugene Wolsmann, John R. Wolsmann, Norman Buchardt, Bernard Paulsen and Albert Hansen.

Mrs. H. P. Hansen Died Here Monday

Funeral services are being held today for Mrs. H. P. Hansen, of 2242 Nebraska Street, Blair. Mrs. Hansen died Monday at the age of 94.

Karen Kristine Hansen was born April 24, 1871 at Odense, Denmark. At the age of 20 she came to America arriving in Lincoln in 1890.

On March 8, 1894 she was married to Hans Peter Hansen at Staplehurst, where they lived until 1924, at which time they moved to Blair.

They were the parents of six children. Four daughters survive: Mrs. Martha Loft of Hastings, Mrs. Dan Greeno (Marie) of Blair, Mrs. Svend Nielsen (Seena) of Oak Park, Illinois and Grace Hansen of Blair; also a son Nathaniel (Tony) Hansen of Blair. His twin brother Janick died at the age of 14 months. Six grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren also survive. Her husband passed away in 1946.

Mrs. Hansen had many friends and she was greatly interested in training youth in Christian work, in Foreign Missions, knitting, crocheting and gardening.

Funeral services will be held at 2 P.M. Thursday at the First Lutheran Church. The Rev. George Pallesen will officiate. Interment will be made in the Blair Cemetery with the Bendorf Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers will be Ervin Larsen, Raymond Wert, Gudmond Sorensen, Norman Bansen, Bert Faltys and Robert Petersen.

Rowing as a sport began in England.