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Mrs. Bertha Gren Dies in Aberdeen

Mrs. Bertha Gren, mother of Carl Green, residing northeast of town, died in an Aberdeen hospital Monday morning after an illness of several weeks with the flu.

Mrs. Gren was one of the very earliest settlers in Brown county. She was born at Bergen, Norway, on October 22, 1859, and came to Chicago in 1883. In 1885 she moved to Claremont, and four years later was married to John A. Gren. They made their home on their farm northeast of Groton until about ten years ago when they moved to Aberdeen. Mr. Gren died in that city about six years ago.

Three children, two brothers and one sister are left to mourn her loss. The children are: Carl Green, who lives on the home place; Aldo, of Lindstrom, Minn., and Mrs. Carl Anderson, of Aberdeen. Four grandchildren also survive. The brothers are Martin Hippe, of Sask., Canada, and Knute Hippe, of Idaho. The sister, Mrs. Betsy Schaeffer, lives in Chicago.

While living in East Riverside township, Mrs. Gren took a very active part in development and civic work befalling the lot of women. Besides living the life of a pioneer and unflinchingly accepting its hardships with fortitude and confidence, she was intensely religious, being one of the organizers of the present Augustana church in East Riverside.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon with short services at the old home place and later in the church which she was so largely responsible for being in existence. Services were conducted by Rev. C. Shaleen, of Langford, and the remains were laid to rest in the soil consecrated by the best years of her young womanhood.