

November 29, 1956

John Strand

John Strand was born to Peter and Anna Strand in Namdalen, Norway, November 8, 1866. He came to the United States and Canton, S. D., in 1886. He returned to Norway, coming back to the United States in 1893, when his twin brother, Elling and family came with him. He resided at Canton until 1897, when he went to Norway for a year. In 1898 he came to Larchwood, Iowa, where he farmed for several years.

In 1900 he came to Deuel County, where he bought a farm located near Brandt, S. D. On January 16, 1901, he was united in marriage to Petra Haugen of Larchwood, Iowa. To this union three children were born, Alma, Arne, who died in infancy, and Edna.

Mr. Strand farmed until 1919 when the family moved to Brandt, where he engaged in a lumber and trucking business. In recent years he has made his home with his daughters. He passed away at the home of his daughter, Alma Medlin, November 16, 1956, at the age of 90 years. He was preceded in death by his son, Arne, wife Petra, April 19, 1938; parents and sister, Helena in Norway, twin brother, Elling, January 4, 1953, at Canton, and brother, Haldor, April 1953, at Sitka, Alaska.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Alma Medlin and Mrs. F. J. Jiran (Edna), both of Groton; two granddaughters, Jacquelyn Ann Jiran of this city and Kathryn Jiran LeFrieck of Spokane, Wash.