

Mrs. Elizabeth Wiberg Page 645 Reminiscence and biography of Western Nebraska 1909
Mrs Elizabeth Wiberg, widow of Jonas Wiberg who was a well known resident of township 21, range 14, Garfield County, lives on section 7 and personally superintends the management of this property with the help of her son, William D. Mrs. Wiberg is a practical farmer as is also William, and well tilled fields and attractive appearance of the whole farm bears evidence of their good management and business ability.

Jonas Wiberg was born in Sweden in 1823 (17 May 1823) of industrious and thrifty parents, and grew up taught to do all kinds of hard work on their home farm, receiving a common school education. He came to America in 1869, his parents having died when he was a boy of seven years old, and from that time he made his own way in the world.

Mrs Wiberg maiden name was Elizabeth Johnson. She is a native of Norway born in 1843 . Her first husband was Oleff Johnson. One child Ed Olson blessed this union. He now lives in Nance County, Nebraska where he owns a nice farm. Mrs Wiberg lost her first husband in her native land, coming to America with a party of immigrants. Her father and mother never saw them again as she was unable to visit them. They are now both dead.

Our subject was married to Mr Wiberg Jan 1, 1875 near Clinton, Iowa and they came to Nebraska from that state in 1883 settling in Wheeler county before it was divided. They first took up a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres and started to build up a home and farm, but during the first few years had a hard time to get along and suffered many hardships and privations on the frontier, as they started without any capital to speak of and had only their strong hearts and willing hands to carve out a fortune for themselves. However they were industrious and determined to win a home for themselves and family and were not afraid to work hard for it. They were both accustomed to hard labor, as are all the sturdy children of the foreign countries who came here to build up a competence for themselves, and hard though the work here is, it is nothing compared with what they have to contend with there, at much less reward for their labor. They became well-to-do, having a tidy sum laid away for a rainy day, but were not classed among the wealthy residents of the county, though none were held in higher esteem than were Jonas Wiberg and his family.

Mr Wiberg died October 26, 1902 leaving a family of fifteen children. He had seven children by his first marriage, namely Gustaf, Christena, Eva, Frederick, Ida, Charles, and Emma. The children of the second marriage are as follows; Mary, John, Sam, Anna, Belenda, William, Swen, and Clara. Three children died in infancy. Mr Wiberg was a prominent old-timer of Garfield County, regarded by everyone who knew him as a staunch friend, always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. He was a strong Democrat, and while he took a commendable interest in local politics, never sought public preferment except to serve on the school board at different times. His family are all members of the German Lutheran Church of Burwell. A picture of Mrs Wiberg's ranch will be found on another page.

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died Sept 15, 1935 Garfield County, Ne buried Westside Cemetery
Farmed in Dry Cedar precinct near Burwell, Garfield County, Ne
Jonas Wiberg born May 17, 1823 Sweden

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Clara Wiberg married Eldon Key