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## Walter Allen

Walter Jewett Allen, 93, 511 North Main, Aberdeen, died Sunday, February 18, at St. Luke's Hospital.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, at Gates Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Richard Ward of the First United Methodist Church of Aberdeen officiating. The body was cremated in Minneapolis on Wednesday.

Mr. Allen was born Nov. 13, 1879, in Minneapolis. In June 1881 the family moved to Groton where the built one of the first houses in Groton. He graduated from Groton High School in 1895. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and served as head of the Department of Military Training there for a year and then spent several years as an officer in state reformatories in Iowa and Connecticut. He was employed in 1904 by the Milwaukee Road and the M. and St. L. Railroad, stationed at Minneapolis and later at Watertown.

In 1910 he joined the staff of the Dakota Farmer at Aberdeen and was an officer and director until his retirement in 1960. At Aberdeen he served as director and president of the Chamber of Commerce, director and president of the Country Club, board member of the Alexander Mitchell Library, the City Planning Commission, the Brown County Rationing Board, the State Natural Resources Commission, the Greater South Dakota Assn., the Aberdeen National Bank and Northwestern Public Service Company. In 1954 he received an honorary doctorate in agriculture from South Dakota State University.

He married Jeannette Timberlake on Jan. 7, 1914, at Albion, Mich.

Survivors include his widow; one son, William T., Houghton, N.Y.; two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Barbara) Wegner of Groton and Mrs. Wendell (Harriet) Andrews of Pierre; 16 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

One daughter preceded him in death.