

January 1, 1931

Jennie Blair was born January 3, 1847 in New York, and died at her farm home northwest of Murdo, S. D., Saturday morning, Dec. 20, 1930, at 8 o'clock.

When a child she moved to Westby, Wis., with her parents, where she grew to womanhood. She was married to Henry H. Wilson in 1880, moving to Groton in 1881, where she has always made her home until last fall, when she went to Murdo, to be with her son and daughter.

She was a loving wife and mother, always thinking of the wants and welfare of others, never of herself; tenderly caring for her aged father and mother until their death, after which she made her home with her brother, William.

Three years ago she fell and broke her hip and had been unable to walk since then only by the aid of crutches, and two years ago she underwent a serious operation for the removal of gall stones, complications from this operation being the cause of her death. But through it all she was always cheerful, patient and never complaining.

She went through all the hardships of pioneering, Wisconsin being nearly a new country, and the railroad was not yet built into Groton when she came here. In 1905 she went to Murdo, S. D., to prove up on a claim there.

Her husband passed away on November, 1891, and her son, Edward, in July, 1904.

Those remaining to mourn her loss are her daughter, Mrs. Ida Mace, and son, Hal; three brothers, William, John and Thomas, all of Groton; two sisters, Mrs. Wm. Larson of Westby, Wis., and Mrs. Jack Harris of Okaton, S. D., besides other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church, Rev. Benson officiating. A quartette, consisting of Mrs. E. J. Rod, Mrs. Bessie Cook, R. E. Eyestone and R. E. Reynolds sang, "Rock of Ages" and "God Will Take Care of You." Pall bearers were H. R. Bowden, F. L. Dean, Wilbur Rix, Joe Donovan and Wm. Sundermeyer.