

August 23, 1934

JOHN W. BLAIR DIES AT OKATON

FUNERAL OF GROTON FARMER
HELD TUESDAY AFTERNOON 1
AT HOME OF SON

John W. Blair, a well known Groton farmer, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Jack Harris, at Okaton, last Friday. He had not enjoyed good health for some time.

The body was brought to Groton the first of the week and prepared for burial at the Paetznick Undertaking parlors with the funeral being held on Tuesday, conducted by Rev. E. W. Spence. The remains were laid to rest in Groton cemetery.

Mr. Blair was one of the early pioneer of the county, coming here in the spring of 1881. He was born in New York City July 2, 1851. At the age of ten years with his parents, he removed to Vernon county, Wis., where he remained until he came out here with the other early settlers. He had been a resident of this section for 53 years.

He was married to Miss Susan McKee at Sparta, Wis., April 7, 1888, who preceded him in death ten years ago. Born to this union were one son and two daughters, William E. Blair, Mrs. Wilbur Rix and Mrs. Harry Rogers of Fargo, N. D. One

brother, Thomas L. Blair of Groton, two sisters, Mrs. Jack Harris, of Okaton and Mrs. Wm. Larson of Westby, Wis., are left to mourn his loss, together with six grandchildren.

Mr. Blair was one of the most successful of the early pioneers. By hard work and frugal habits he accumulated a respectable amount of worldly goods, and he knew how to use it to enjoy life, which he devoted to bringing happiness and cheer into the lives of others. Likewise, he was one of the most substantial citizens of Brown county, highly respected by all his acquaintances.