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ANOTHER PIONEER GOES TO BEYOND

FRANK BREITKREUTZ, RESIDENT SINCE 1883, DIES; FUNERAL THURSDAY

One by one old-timers are passing away, the men who in their youth visioned great possibilities in the northwest and spent the best part of their years in developing it. Their ranks are gradually growing thinner, and on last Sunday Frank Breitkreutz, one of our pioneers, laid down his earthly duties and joined fellow pioneers on the shores beyond.

Came Here in 1883

Mr. Breitkreutz could not be rightfully termed one of the very earliest settlers, those who came in '81 and '82, nevertheless the country was not very old when he cast his lot with those who had come before him. He came to South Dakota in 1883 and settled in West Hanson township. In 1916 he retired from active farming and moved to Groton residing here until after the death of his wife in 1927, and then went to the home of his son, Hubert, in Bates township, where he spent his declining years in peace and comfort and surrounded by the affection unstintingly bestowed upon him by members of the household.

The deceased was born in Iron Ridge, Wis., Jan. 27, 1854, and was married to Miss Ida Stolle in 1878, the ceremony taking place at Iron Ridge. In the year 1883 he came to South Dakota and has been a resident of this state since that time. He was about 78 years of age at the time of his death, it being caused by chronic myocardites, and had been ill since June 30, last.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Breitkreutz, one of whom preceded them in death. Those left to mourn his loss are Edward, of Gettysburg, S. D.; Hubert of Bates township; Louise of West Hanson; Harry of Aberdeen; Bennie of Aberdeen, and Mrs. Thelma Ebert of Appleton, Wis. Seven brothers and sisters also survive him. They are, Fred W., of Iron Ridge, Wis.; Mrs. Helen Josephine Clance, of Iron Ridge; Julius Adolph, of Iron Ridge; Mrs. Anna Pagel, of Mayville, Wis; Ernest, August and Mrs. Clara Antonio, all of Iron Ridge.

The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at the Lutheran church in Groton. It will be conducted by Rev. F. E. Wilke at 2:00 o'clock, and the remains laid to rest in Groton cemetery.