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GROTON LADY DIES IN CALIFORNIA

WRITES OWN OBITUARY BEFORE DEATH—WAS AN EARLY PIONEER

Mrs. Francelia Brott, an aged and highly esteemed lady of Groton, died last week while wintering in California. The body was brought to Groton and laid to rest in Groton cemetery Tuesday afternoon, following services at the Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. E. W. Spence.

Mrs. Brott, before her death, wrote her own obituary, which is as follows:

"I was born in Kendall, Orleans county, New York, in 1840. My maiden name was Francelia Roblee. I was married to Fort Brott in 1863. In 1880 we came with our family to South Dakota and settled on a farm near Groton. He had four daughters, three of whom have died; Mrs. William Benson died at Freeport, Pa.; Mrs. Charles Brown, at Groton, S. D.; Mrs. Thomas Troy, at Groton, S. D. They were all members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Brott died in 1890."

To the above brief and modest account of her life might be appended the fact that she was one of the earliest pioneers of this section and knew pioneering as only those who have gone through the ordeal know it. She leaves behind a heritage that is rich in achievement and illustrious with many acts of christianity.

Only one daughter survives her. This is Mrs. J. H. Detling, with whom she was visiting at the time of her death. Two brothers are also left behind, Theodore and James Roblee of Canister, New York, together with eight grand children and four great grand children. The grand children are: Emerson and Howard Detling of Gridley, Cal.; H. C. and Bruce Benson of Oakland, Cal.; Harvey W. Benson, of Miles City, Mont.; Harold Troy, of Aberdeen; Maurice E. Troy, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mrs. Edwin Abeln, of Groton.