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# WM. E. BURTON GOES TO REWARD

## GROTON PIONEER EXPIRES LAST THURSDAY AFTER LINGER- ING ILLNESS

William E. Burton, for many years a respected citizen of this place, died at his home near James after an illness extending over many months. He had not enjoyed good health since his wife died in February, 1921, his health gradually declining until he slipped off into the last long sleep last Thursday.

The deceased was born in Walworth county, Wis., in 1856, being 66 years of age at the time of his death. In 1877 he was married to Miss Minnie Overly, of Given, Ohio, and four daughters were born to this union, two of whom are living. Mrs. Burton died in 1892, and in 1894 Mr. Burton again was united in marriage to Miss Anna Burton, of Plato, Minn., and after a few short years of married life, she too, was laid to rest. In 1898 he married Miss Hattie Peterson, who passed into the great beyond in 1921, February 14.

Three daughters, five grand children, four sisters and one brother survive him. The daughters are: Mrs. Charles Leitz, Mrs. Grace Lehman, and Mrs. Nettie Smith.

Mr. Burton was a familiar figure on the streets of Groton for many years. He was an extensive land owner, but in later years retired from this pursuit and moved to town where he devoted his life to his family and in making others happy. Being of a kindly, genial disposition, he made friends with the old and young alike, who mourn in his death the loss of an estimable gentleman, while the community sees in his demise the absence of one of its most substantial citizens.

He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Groton, which religion he professed in his early youth, and followed its teachings throughout his life. Rev. Harrold, of that body, conducted funeral services both at the home and the cemetery.

The remains were laid at rest in the Bath cemetery Sunday afternoon, a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives being present.