

October 15, 1931

L. COOK DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Funeral will be held Saturday afternoon in the Presbyterian church.

L. Cook, since 1883 a leading figure in the life of eastern Brown county, passed away at his home in Groton, Tuesday afternoon at about 5 o'clock following an illness from which he has suffered for the past several months. The direct cause of Cook's death was heart trouble. He was one of the county's early pioneers not only from a standpoint of settlement, but was also one of the men who successfully launched a farmers cooperative elevator.

Born in Michigan

Cook was born at Grand Rapids, June 5, 1859, and was married to his present wife at Grand Rapids on June 23, 1889, the wedding taking place at the home of Mrs. Cook's sister, John R. Stewart. In the spring of 1890 he came to South Dakota and took up land in Bates township, Brown county, Michigan a few years later his bride. They made their home on the old homestead until 1902 when they moved to Groton, having in 1902 been chosen as treasurer of the Groton Farmers Elevator company, a recently organized association of farmers of eastern Brown county, a medium through which to market their grain. Mr. Cook was the president of this organization from the beginning of its inception until his death in July of this year. The success of his career of this company was marked by the energy, the ability, the untiring effort bestowed upon it by the deceased. A period running through the years Mr. Cook's genius directed the organization through storms

as, and when he resigned was one of the strongest assets of its kind in the Northwest, throughout financial circles as a sign of strength and stability. The company now operates four elevators, the parent building being at Groton while others are located at James and Stratford. In 1914 the offices of the company were moved to Groton, and Mr. Cook has made his home in this city.

Large Circle of Relatives

Cook leaves to mourn his loss a large circle of relatives. Among the members of his family are Mrs. Linna Stewart Cook, his wife, and one daughter. The sons are Joseph Stewart Cook, of Selby; Joseph Ferney; Milo Cook, of Groton; Jesse Cook, of Minneapolis; and E. Breckenridge of Springfield, is the surviving daughter. His mother, Lana Cook, lives at Groton, Mich., and four brothers, John S., of St. Petersburg, Fla.; John B., of the same place; Charles Cook, of Grand Rapids, and Ray G. Cook, of Groton, Mich. A sister, Mrs. Mary Cook, resides at Grand Rapids, Mich. These, together with several children, nieces and nephews make up the list of living relatives.

Funeral Saturday

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon from the Presbyterian church of which he was a member. Services will be said by Rev. E. J. Groton at 2:30, and the remains will be interred in Groton cemetery.