

December 16, 1948

Funeral services were held in St. John's Lutheran church in Groton on Thursday for Miss Martha E. Erdmann, 69, formerly of Verdon and Groton. Miss Erdmann passed away December 6th, at Vincennes, Ind., where she held a position as Superintendent of Nurses' Training in the Good Samaritan hospital. She was an early Dakota pioneer, coming from Wisconsin and settling near Verdon with her parents in 1886. She was confirmed at the West Hanson township church in 1892 and was a life-long member of the Lutheran church. She spent the greater part of her life in the nursing profession, having served as Superintendent of Nurses in hospitals in various states during the last number of years, since securing her master's degree from Columbia University of New York. Burial was in the family lot at the side of her parents in the Verdon cemetery.

Rev. Walter H. Bouman of Fort Wayne, Ind., a nephew of the deceased conducted the services. Mrs. A. J. Schuelke, a niece, presided at the organ. Ora and Robert Schuelke, grand nephews, sang. The nephews of Miss Erdmann, Paul Krueger, Earl Deno, Emil P. Gottlieb and Alfred Erdmann acted as pall bearers.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Emilie Burke of Lowell, Wash.; Mrs. Henry Bouman of Minneapolis, and four brothers, August of Groton, Carl of Ferney; Emil of Ellingson, and Fred of Stratford. Her parents, a sister and four brothers preceded her.

Relatives from a distance attending the services included the following: Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Bouman and Mrs. Leland Orfeld, of Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hatch of Wessington Springs; Mr. and Mrs. James Wilcox, of Webster; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Erdmann and daughter, Mrs. Waltman and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Van Walker of Aberdeen.

Relatives attending the funeral were three brothers, one sister, and 50 nephews, nieces and their families.