

June 16, 1947

Funeral Services Held Here For Pioneer Resident

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the Methodist church in Groton for F. J. Feller, high esteemed pioneer resident of this community, who passed away at the Aberdeen hospital, Sunday evening, June 8. The Rev. Luther C. Benson officiated. Burial was made in the Groton cemetery.

F. J. Feller was born at Findley, Ohio, on August 9, 1866, having attained the age of 80 years, 9 months and 29 days. He came to South Dakota with his parents in 1884, and has been a resident of this vicinity for 63 years.

The early part of his life was spent in farming, southeast of Groton, and upon retiring from the farm moved to this city, where he has made his home for the past few years.

Mr. Feller was very active in affairs beneficial to his community and was a charter member of the Garden Prairie band, taking great pride and enjoyment in the promotion of that institution, which was one of the outstanding musical organizations of this part of the state for many years.

The departed is survived by his wife, Sophia, and six children, namely, Mabel Ragels of Doland; Ivan Feller of Sand Coulee, Mont.; Belva Benson of Conde; Thurlo Feller of Groton; Nancy Hayes of St. Paul, Minn., and Gladys Yingling of Washington, D. C. A brother, Alvin Feller of Gladstone, Ore., and a sister, Ethel Ragels of this city also survive, together with 26 grand-children and 26 great grand-children.

Mr. Feller enjoyed a wide circle of loyal friends in this community, who admired him for his upright character and honest dealings, being ever ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. He was a loving husband and father and a kind and trustworthy neighbor and friend. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved family in their loss.