

February 27, 1930

Adam Frommel

Mr. Frommel died at 6:30 Monday morning. Although he had not been in the best of health for the past year, his death came somewhat as a surprise to his friends, who greeted him when he came to town on last Friday. His demise was due to hardening of the arteries, and came suddenly.

He was born in Washington county, Wis., July 11, 1851, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Frommel, Sr., natives of Germany, who came to America in 1847. He was one of five children and the third child born.

Mr. Frommel was educated in the public schools of his period, and after his 14th year, assisted his father with work on the farm in Wisconsin. Later he became connected with a contractor for the C. M. & St. P. railroad and worked in this capacity running a wood saw for about two years. He then purchased a store in Fox Lake, Wis., and was engaged in business there for the next six years. He disposed of this in the year of 1880, and the following spring came to South Dakota and moved up on the SW 1/4 32-128-60. He came to this section in company with Charley Moffitt, and together they built their shanty, side by side, together with a good barn. The first summer he did breaking and later that fall went to North Dakota to help with the harvest.

Small Beginning

Like all pioneers of his day, his start in Dakota territory was a slender one. When he first went to farming his worldly possessions were the shanty, a good barn, three horses, a wagon and plow. By frugal habits and hard work he gradually added to his holdings until he became owner of three or four quarters of the finest land in this vicinity, all of which he retained until a few months before his death.

In 1882 Mr. Frommel's family arrived in Dakota, and all of them, Frommel, of Groton; Bert Frommel, of Groton; Miss Emma, of Groton; Mrs. Eva Kleppin, of Wessington Springs; Irl and Miss Pearl, of Groton, and Dewey, of Montevideo.

Mr. Frommel was a member of the township board of Groton township for about 20 years, and in 1899 was elected chairman of the board. He had made his home in Groton up to the time his wife died in 1924, and then moved back to the home place southeast of Groton, where he lived until the time of his death.

The funeral will be held from the home Wednesday afternoon, and the remains laid to rest in Groton cemetery.

Thus the final chapters are written in the lives of two virile old gentlemen whose resourcefulness and adventurous spirits are a lasting monument to the hardships incidental to conquering the plains. Posterity can do no greater homage than pause and sorrow at their passing and hold their memory in lasting reverence.