

September 17, 1931

GROTON PIONEER GOES TO BEYOND

**CHARLES GABERT DIES AFTER
ILLNESS OF COMPLICATION
OF AILMENTS**

Charles Gabert, a pioneer of Groton and Brown county, died at his home here Saturday morning from a complication of ailments which had kept him confined to his room almost constantly for the past several weeks. He was 75 years of age at the time of his death.

Mr. Gabert was born in Spring Creek, Buffalo county, Wis., August 25, 1856, and was one of the early pioneers of this county, proving up and settling on land near Randolph in the spring of 1881. He came to South Dakota from his Wisconsin home before the railroads had been built into this section, his first trip to the section being made overland from Watertown, the nearest railhead. The following spring however, rails had been laid to Milbank and he shipped his pioneering equipment to that point and hauled them overland to the land he had chosen as his future home.

On July 14, 1882, he was married to Miss Amelia Ott, and in 1883 his bride joined and helped him establish a home on the boundless Dakota prairies. They lived on this land until 1904 when they came to Groton and have since made their home in this city. Mrs. Gabert passed away on October 10, 1926. One child, Miss Mary Gabert, survives him, together with two brothers and one sister. The brothers are Will Gabert, of Randolph, and Fred, of Eau Claire, Wis. Mrs. Mary Warner of Westby, Wis., is the sister.

Charles Gabert was one of the best known men in this section. He was admired for his honesty, outspoken fearlessness on all public questions, and his willingness to lend every effort to see that his convictions became a reality.

Funeral Held Tuesday

The funeral was held Tuesday forenoon from the Catholic church with solemn high requiem mass being said for the deceased. Six priests were engaged in the service, they being:

Celebrant—Fr. T. J. Shanley, pastor of the church.

Deacon—Rev. Fr. Ryan, of Carthage.

Sub-deacon—Fr. G. Estergard, Big Stone.

Master of Ceremonies—Fr. J. Reilly, of Cavour.

Assisting in the Sanctuary—Mgt. M. Dermody, Aberdeen and Fr. L. Murphy, of Alexandria.