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## FRITZ GERTH DIES IN HUB HOSPITAL

DEATH RESULT OF FRACTURED  
HIP; BURIAL WEDNES-  
DAY IN GROTON

Fritz Gerth, one of the early pioneers of the county, and who has been living in Aberdeen for some time, died in an Aberdeen hospital on Monday of this week after reaching the ripe old age of almost 90 years. He would have been ninety in the coming October.

Last Saturday Mr. Gerth sustained a fall which resulted in a broken hip. It is thought that the shock proved too much for him and he succumbed to the after effects on Monday of this week.

The deceased was born in Posen, Germany, October 4, 1848, and came to this county when nine years of age. Settling in Wisconsin, he and Mrs. Gerth joined the restless army of homeseekers and treked across the prairies to James, where they established a home and reared their children. He came to James in 1881 and the best part of his life was spent on a farm near that place.

There are six children, 18 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren left to mourn his loss. The children are Arnold Gerth of Firesteel; Fred Gerth of Aberdeen; Mrs. R. L. Mackin of Omaha; Mrs. Minnie McKiver and Mrs. Fred Reber of Groton, and Miss Isabel Gerth of Aberdeen.

The funeral was held from the church at James Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock conducted by Rev. Lothar K. Meyer, and the remains were laid to rest in Groton cemetery with H. Paetznick in charge of the funeral.