

April 23, 1953

## WILLIAM GRAHAM

Funeral services for William Graham, 87, were held Thursday afternoon, April 16, 1953, at the Paetznick Funeral Home, with the Rev. Harvey Sander officiating. Mr. Graham passed away the preceding Monday at the Webster hospital, following an extended illness. Burial was in the Groton cemetery. Pall bearers were: Guy Herron, Waldemar Lenling, Palmer Peterson, Carl Sahn, Ewald Kuehnert and G Stroh.

William Graham was born at Genoa, Wis., on May 25, 1865, the son of Lemach Graham and Euphema Jambois Graham, being one of a family of 15 children. Mr. Graham grew to young manhood near Viroqua, Wis., learning the miller's trade in a mill which his father operated for sixty years, first as a water-powered mill and later steam operated. He came to Groton in 1887 and for many years was employed as a mill worker at the Groton Milling Company. He was one of the group who organized the present High Grade Oil Company of Groton and took part in the management and operation of the company until his retirement from active business operations about 15 years ago. In civic affairs Mr. Graham was always very active serving on the city council for many years and also taking part in civic programs.

In May, 1893, he was united in marriage to Della C. Holtz. To this union one child was born, a daughter, who passed away in infancy. Mrs. Graham preceded him in death in December 1948.

Mr. Graham was an ardent sportsman. For many years he entertained friends from Wisconsin on hunting and fishing trips to South Dakota. For 40 years or more the Grahams resided during the summer months at Big Stone lake, where their cottage home was always open to their friends.

He is survived by two brothers, Alfred B., of Vulcan, Alberta, Canada, and Amada of Viroqua, Wis., and two sisters, Mrs. Anna Hallenbeck and Mrs. Minnie Outcalt, both of Viroqua, besides a number of nieces and nephews.

Relatives from away attending the last rites were: Amada Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Graham Outcalt, a nephew, of Viroqua, Wis.; nieces, Mrs. Ruth Rainey, Kadoka, S. D., Mrs. Gretchen Aaser and husband, Dr. Aaser, Sebeka, Minn., and Mrs. Calla Sternberg and husband, Pierre, also a grand-nephew, Kenneth Olson, Aberdeen.