

July 24, 1941

FUNERAL HERE FOR PIONEER BATES MAN

Funeral services were held for Edmund D. Graves, pioneer of the south-east part of Brown county, last Friday afternoon at the Paetznick Funeral home with the Rev. L. C. Benson officiating both at the home and at the grave. The Conde Masonic lodge were in charge of the committal service with Rev. Benson acting as master and delivering the committal address and the farewell, while white-aproned brothers of the order gave the traditional tribute to the departed. Interment was in the Scotland cemetery.

Mr. Graves died at the hospital in Aberdeen, Wednesday, July 16, following a two weeks' illness and some years of failing health. He was born in Chicago, April 13, 1873, and came to South Dakota with his parents in 1884 and resided here since then except for five years, from 1889 to 1894, when he was employed by a railroad in Chicago.

He began an active career of farming in Scotland township on his return from Chicago and was married to Miss Agnes Denholm on April 8, 1896. The couple resided in the Bates community until 1926 when they removed to a farm near Bath and in 1939 they moved to a home in the village.

Mr. Bates was active in community affair, serving as school clerk for about 20 years. He was a member of the Masonic lodge in Conde and the Verdon lodge of the I.O.O.F. He was a member of the now famous Garden Prairie band and was on hand last June to take part in a re-union of the organization.

Surviving him are, his wife, Agnes Denholm Graves, and six children, Harold W., Charles D., and Morris A., all of Bath; Edmund B. and Frank G., of Aberdeen, and William I., of Columbia. A daughter preceded him in death.