

December 22, 1949

## Charles E. Griffiths

Charles Edward Griffiths, son of David and Elizabeth Atherton Griffiths, was born at Bangor, Wis., July 22, 1878. In 1881 the family came to Dakota Territory and settled in the community which later became known as Plana, in Brown county, South Dakota. There Charles Edward attended school and later went to Mitchell to College, and also a short course at the Aberdeen Business College. At the age of 26 he went to work as a grain buyer, in which business he continued for 45 years, or until his health failed.

During these years his work took him to various communities, so that he lived at Houghton, Hecla and other town, finally moving to Groton where he died Monday, Dec. 12, 1949.

On July 15, 1914, he was married to Miss Lillian Jones, formerly of Elizabeth, Ill. To them were born six children, Thelma Ione Dennert of Houghton; Mertis Lorraine of Chicago, Ill.; Liberty Maybelle Ernest of Newton, Iowa; Captain Charles Edward, who has been in the Air-Lift service in Germany; David John, of Wekota, and Richard Lyle, at home in Groton. There are two granddaughters and one grandson. Also he leaves two brothers, George, of Seattle, Wash., and Richard of Tacoma Park, and a half-brother, John, who lives in Missouri. Three sisters survive him, Mrs. Emrys Jones, Mrs. Sarah Williams and Mrs. Kate Helmska, all of Aberdeen. Two brothers and one sister preceded him in death, Mr. and Mrs. John Jones and son, Lester of Kent, Ill., and Mrs. Mary Morrise of Stockton, Ill., arrived to be with Mrs. Griffiths, sister of Mr. Jones.

Mr. Griffiths was a member of the Congregational Christian church of Houghton, and a member of the board of trustees for many years. He belonged to the Columbia Lodge, A. F. and A. M., and to the Order of the Eastern Star at Hecla.

Funeral services were conducted at the Paetznick Funeral Home at Groton and at the Congregational Christian church at Houghton on Friday, Dec. 16, conducted by his pastor, Rev. Olah Moore. At the Houghton service a prayer was offered by the Rev. Elvin Ernest, of Newton, Iowa, a son-in-law of the deceased. Songs were rendered by Rev. Olah Moore and Elmer Jones, of Bath. Burial rites were in charge of his Masonic brethren, led by Dr. Wells of Aberdeen, and interment was in the Houghton cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ed. Tunby, Cyrus Spurr, Guy Mayner, George Masson, Jake Coburn and Charles Reisdorph.