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## ROSWELL R. HURLBUT

Roswell R. Hurlbut, one of the early pioneers whose farm home was formerly three miles northeast of Groton, died on Saturday last at Golden Valley near Minneapolis. The body was brought to Groton and was buried with Masonic honors yesterday—laid to rest in Union Cemetery beside that of his wife who passed away many years ago.

Mr. Hurlbut was very prominent in the affairs of this locality in the early days. He served one term as county commissioner, and was also a member of the legislature for one term. Prior to coming to Dakota Territory he had been in the milling business in a small town north of Minneapolis, in Hennepin County. If we remember correctly, he was wont to tell of experiences of his younger manhood in the Green Mountain state when he followed the calling of a railway conductor at a time when railroading was in its infancy.

In his prime he was a man of keen intellect and good business ability.

Many years ago he disposed of his holdings here and returned to Minnesota where he re-established his home. The body was brought back to Groton for Masonic burial in compliance with a wish expressed by him. He was made a mason in Groton, and was for many years a member of the local lodge. The beautiful ceremony at the grave was given by Past Master J. G. Ropes.

Mr. Hurlbut was 83 years of age.

His son Rodman was here from LaPort, Minn. and his foster son Charles was out from Minneapolis for the funeral. Mrs. G. M. L. Erwin a relative of the deceased was also here from Aberdeen.