

September 9, 1920

AGED CITIZEN PASSES SUNDAY

**O. F. JAMES SUCCUMBS AFTER
LINGERING ILLNESS—
AGE 83**

Oscar Frank James was born at Webster, New York, December 25, 1837. He came to South Dakota in June, 1880, and filed on a homestead about a mile west of Groton which he at once improved, and has been a resident on this farm and in the city of Groton since that time.

He died at his home in the city of Groton on Sunday morning, the 5th day of September, 1920. He left surviving him his widow, Mary F. James, and several nephews and nieces, one of whom, Dr. Fred P. James, of Sleepy Eye, Minnesota and well known in Groton, was with him at the time he passed over.

Mr. James was well and favorably known to most people of Groton and vicinity, and especially to the "old timers" of whom he was one. He was one of the most efficient farmers of the state and very much interested in the work, using the latest and most improved methods and always insisting on the most thorough and best work possible. By virtue of good husbandry and wise management on the farm he accumulated a considerable estate.

In his earlier years and until his health was broken, Mr. James was much of a traveler, having visited nearly all of the states of the Union and all of its principal cities. For the past fourteen years his health has been poor, and while not confined to his bed or room much of the time, he has had his full share of suffering.

He was a pleasant, genial companion, a man of strong convictions, was always ready to express his views, strong and vigorous in maintaining the principles for which he stood, an honest opponent and a most devoted friend. He will be missed by a host of friends and associates.

The funeral services were held at the home at 2:30, Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. F. W. Bartlette, of the Episcopal church.