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Pioneer Farmer A Victim of Cancer

Helmick Johnson, a substantial farmer residing northeast of Groton, died Friday, after a lingering illness of cancer of the stomach. He has been confined to his room for the past several weeks.

Mr. Johnson was almost sixty years old at the time of his death. He was born in Norway and came to this country when a small lad with his parents, settling in Minnesota. After living there three or four years they came to South Dakota, where Mr. Johnson has since made his home.

While living in South Dakota he made several trips back to the old country, the last one being in 1908.

Mr. Johnson leaves to mourn his loss his wife, six children, four boys and two girls. The boys are Joseph, Harry, Ernest and Gerhart, while the girls are Margaret and Lucille.

The funeral was held at the German Lutheran church, Wednesday, conducted by Rev. Jonas Gjovaag, and he was buried in the Groton cemetery.