

June 7, 1945

Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Dorothea Kurtz, May 31

At 2:00 o'clock on Thursday, May 31st, funeral services were held at St. John's Lutheran church in Groton, for Mrs. Dorothea Kurtz, with Rev. J. E. Schwarting officiating. Mrs. A. J. Schuelke sang "Let Me Go," "In The Garden," and "Heaven is My Home." Pallbearers were Mrs. Kurtz's three sons, Hugo, Otto and John, a son-in-law, Dr. Theodore Huber, and two grandsons, Darrell and Christopher. Interment was at the Groton Union cemetery.

Dorothea Schinkel was born in Olmstead County, Minn., May 4, 1858, and was married to John Kurtz on May 7, 1875. They came to South Dakota and located on a farm near Ferney in 1884, moving later to Groton in 1902. To this union were born four sons and three daughters. Mr. Kurtz passed away in March, 1936, and one son, Christof, also preceded Mrs. Kurtz in death. She died on May 28th, 1945, after a lingering illness.

Survivors in the immediate family are Hugo Kurtz and Mrs. Louise Brue, of Groton, Mrs. Alvina Huber and Otto Kurtz of Webster, Mrs. Edith Barone and Mrs. Robert Pride, of St. Paul, and John Kurtz of Aberdeen. She also left 19 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Kurtz was a highly respected pioneer lady. She was very industrious, a kind and loving mother and considerate neighbor. Her many friends will learn with regret of the passing of this early Groton resident.

Coming from out-of-town to attend the services were Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Huber and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kurtz of Webster, Mr. and Mrs. John Kurtz of Aberdeen, Mrs. Robert Pride and Mrs. Edith Barone of St. Paul, and several grandchildren.