

March 7, 1935

EARLY PIONEER PASSES AWAY

**HIRAM LEAKE, HERE SINCE 1883,
DIES MONDAY; FUNERAL
THURSDAY**

Hiram C. Leake, a resident of Brown county since 1883, passed away in an Aberdeen hospital on Monday of this week, following a period of ill health from which he has been suffering for some time.

Hiram Charles Leake was born in Oswego County, New York, July 7, 1855 and died March 4, 1935, at the age of 79 years, 7 months and 24 days.

He moved with his parents to Green County, Wisconsin, in the spring of 1856, where he grew to manhood. He was married to Virginia L. Stair on December 7, 1879. To this union seven children were born. He came to Brown County, South Dakota with his wife and children in the spring of 1883 and homesteaded on the farm now occupied by Leigh Hood.

He moved back to Green County, Wisconsin, in the fall of 1888, and returned to Brown County in the spring of 1900, where he lived until he retired to Groton in the spring of 1911.

Deceased leaves to mourn his loss his wife and five children: Sydney of Groton; Walter of Luck, Wis.; William of Eldorado, Kans.; Mrs. L. B. Rowley of Mitchell, and Mrs. Otto Ziemann of Groton. Also one sister, Mrs. Nancy Benage of Montrose, Wis.; one brother, H. W. Leake of New Underwood, S. D., twenty grand children and eight great grand children. Two children, Mrs. Frank Graham and Mrs. John Grice preceded him in death.

He was a life member of the M. E. church of Groton.

Funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30, from the Presbyterian church. Burial will take place on family lot in Groton cemetery with Rev. Luther C. Benson officiating.