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Mrs. Litts, Pioneer of 1885, Dies at Age 80

Death took another pioneer of this community on Thursday when Mrs. Hannah Litts, aged 80, who came here in 1885, passed away in the Webster hospital where she was taken 10 days before, death being due to old age. She had been living with the family of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Leake on a farm near Groton.

The remains were brought to Groton on Friday by Mr. Leake and Harvey Diedrich, and the funeral held Sunday at 3 p. m. at the Methodist church, Rev. C. B. Harrold officiating. Burial was made in the Groton cemetery.

Hannah Litts, nee Warren, was born in Hamptonshire, England, on Feb. 7, 1842. She moved with her parents to Joliet, Ill., in 1850. Her father died two years afterward, and the mother and family moved to Port Byron, N. Y., where Hannah was married to John H. Litts on Dec. 17, 1867. To this union two children were born, Bertha, who died in infancy, and Clara. On Oct. 5, 1885 the Litts family came to Groton where she has made her home on the homestead until her death. She is survived by her daughter Mrs. Sydney Leake. a sister, Mary Barnes of Norwich, N. Y., a brother, James Warren of Port Byron, N. Y., and three grandchildren, Orvan, Erma and Irving Leake.