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## Death Calls to it's Reward Pioneer Resident of City

Death came to Mrs. Sarah Mellen on Friday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Hughes. Mrs. Mellen was probably the oldest pioneer here, having resided in this vicinity for the past sixty-five years. She was the eldest child in her family and was the last to pass away.

Sarah Jane Hill was born in Ohio on Sept. 27, 1855. When but a very small child her parents moved to Wisconsin, where she grew to womanhood and was married in January, 1885, to Spencer S. Mellen. To this union three children were born, one daughter and two sons. Mr. and Mrs. Mellen moved to South Dakota in the spring of 1882, settling on a homestead a few miles from Groton. Mr. Mellen later opened a blacksmith shop in town, so the family homestead was moved to town, where it still remains, the home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Hughes.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Paetz-nick Funeral Home with the Rev. L. C. Benson in charge. Interment was made in the Groton Union Cemetery. Pallbearers were R. W. Bradshaw, Vance E. Miller, Fred Frommel, Irl Frommel, Earl A. Rapp and Chas. E. Adams. Mrs. Palmer G. Peterson and Mrs. Amos Doeringsfeld, accompanied by Mrs. Joe Williams sang several musical selections.

Mrs. Mellen is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Hughes of Groton, and one son, Forest Mellen of Glendale, Calif., and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Mellen was a typical pioneer woman, deeply loved by her neighbors and friends, whom she helped in every time of need. Known by all the older residents of the city, she was a plucky, cheerful, shining example of the type of individuals, who fostered the spirit of the pioneers. It is with fond and tender memories that final tribute was made to her.