

November 28, 1916

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George Mereness Buried in Groton
Union Cemetery Thursday.

A largely attended funeral was that of George Mereness, which occurred from the M. E. Church Thursday afternoon. The service was conducted by Rev. C. B. Harrold of the M. E. Church, assisted by Rev. T. Reber Taggart, of the Groton Presbyterian church. At the church a profusion of flowers bore mute testimony to the regard in which Mr. Mereness had been held by his friends and neighbors. A large piece with the word "Father," was the center of a perfect bank. Leavitt Post, G. A. R., was present in a body to do honor to him, but in the smallness of the number which makes up the membership of the Post in Groton was a strong reminder of the fact that the men of sixty-one are fast leaving for that bourne from which no traveler returns.

Following the services at the church the remains were followed to the cemetery by a large cortege of sorrowing friends, and the remains were placed with those of Mr. Mereness' comrades who have preceded him.

We give below a life history:

George Mereness was born February 20, 1841 and died November 21, 1916. Age, 75 years, 9 months and 1 day. He was united in marriage to Maria Conklin January 31, 1866. To this marriage six children were born, three boys and three girls. All are living to mourn the departed, save one daughter, who died in infancy.

Mr. Mereness was among the first to respond to his country's call in the Civil War, enlisting in Co. 152 regiment volunteers, New York, serving all through the war.

In the fall of 1882 he came to South Dakota, filing on the land that he still owned at the time of his death. In the spring of 1883 he moved his family here and established a home, where he lived until moving to Groton eleven years ago, where he has resided since. His wife was called home ten years ago last June.

Mr. Mereness was converted to the Christian life united with the Baptist church at Verdon twenty-three years ago. He died trusting in the Lord saying, "All is well."