

October 25, 1928

TWO PIONEERS ARE CALLED TO BEYOND

C. W. PERKINS AND C. H. MERENESS DIE IN SHORT TIME OF EACH OTHER

Two of Groton's early pioneers, C. W. Perkins and Charles H. Mereness died within a short time of each other last week. Mr. Perkins passed away last Thursday and Mr. Mereness on Monday of this week. The former had been ill but a short time, while Mr. Mereness had not been in the best of health for the past two years.

C. W. Perkins

The death of Mr. Perkins occurred after a short illness on October 18. For the past two weeks he had been complaining but his condition was not regarded as serious until a week or ten days ago when he was confined to his bed. After his trouble had been diagnosed by physicians, little hope was held for his recovery.

Mr. Perkins was born January 12, 1857, at Industry, Maine, the youngest of three children. He completed his education in the State Normal at Farmington, Maine, after which he taught school for three years. He later was superintendent of schools of Industry, Franklin county.

On March 30, 1882, he came to South Dakota and preempted a claim four miles north of the old Rose post-office in Spink county, later taking a homestead a mile and half south of Verdon.

Forty years ago last May he came to Groton, and has since made this city his home.

On June 25, 1882, he was married to Miss Luena Elken Look, of Industry, Maine, the wedding taking place at Armadale Island, in Spink county, and to this union eight children were born: Gertrude Viola, Arthur Cleveland, Lottie Luena, Gertie Mable, Roscoe Davis, Frank Tisdell, and Franklin Wade. He is survived by one brother, Dr. Joseph W. Perkins, of Wilton, Maine; his widow and six children. He was 71 years of age at the time of his death. The funeral was held on Monday, after which the remains were laid to rest in Groton cemetery.

Mr. Perkins was a man of retiring disposition, but he was strong in his convictions for what he considered right, and took a great interest in all moral questions.

Those from a distance who were here to attend the funeral were: Mrs. Elmer Kjellman and daughter, of Glasgow, Mont.; Arthur Perkins, of Tamarack, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Perkins, of Aberdeen; Roscoe Perkins, of Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Eske, of Brentford; and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Benz and family, of Aberdeen.