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AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

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ONE OF GROTON'S OLDEST PIONEERS PASSED AWAY SATURDAY

C. E. Phillips, one of the oldest of Groton's pioneers, passed away last Saturday, at his home as a result of an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Phillips passed through a siege of illness last winter and had never fully recovered from the eeffcts of it. He was taken ill early last week and passed away on Saturday.

Mr. Phillips was born in Napone, Canada, Sept. 2, 1849. He was one of ten children, only two of whom are livng. He was married to Miss Elizabeht Edwards on Oct. 8, 1873, at Austin, Minn., who survives him. Six children were born to this union, three of whom preceded him to the other world. The living children are Chas. E., of Seattle, Wash., Albert of Delano, Minn., and May, (Mrs. Miles,) of Britton, S. D.

The family moved to Groton thirty-seven years ago and have lived here for that period, save for a space of ten years (1898-1907) when they resided at Big Stone.

Mr. Phillips was a mechanic and inventor of more than ordinary ability, also a brick maker and he built the brick yard here. He was a member of the Methodist church, having been converted and received into church membership under the labors of the Rev. J. B. Deeble and remaining faithful unto the end of his life. He was a kind, faithful, devoted husband, an affectionate father and a true friend and neighbor, whose passing will be sincerely mourned by relatives and friends, but whose memory will be always fresh.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Methodist church. Rev. C. B. Harrold conducted the services. The body was laid to rest at the Groton Union cemetery.