

October 16, 1947

Funeral Service Held Here For Pioneer

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Chris E. Prestegard, at the First English Lutheran church in Groton, who died at Ipswich, Thursday afternoon at the age of 92 years, following a brief illness. The Rev. Paul D. Sather officiated, and burial was made in the Groton Union Cemetery.

Mr. Prestegard, accompanied by his son, Andrew, had gone to Ipswich for a visit at the home of the former's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Prestegard, when on Wednesday he became ill and was taken to the Ipswich Community hospital, where he passed away shortly after noon on Thursday.

Chris E. Prestegard was born in Norway, April 29, 1855. There he was married to Martha Skjiem and in 1879 came to this county, settling first at Northfield, Minn. In 1881 Mr. Prestegard homesteaded near James, where he resided continuously until his retirement in 1942, when with his son, Andrew, he moved to Aberdeen to make his home.

Mr. Prestegard was a well-known highly respected pioneer settler of Brown county; his upright character, honesty and kind and cheerful disposition won him the admiration of a large circle of friend. He was a loving husband and father and very considerate as a neighbor and friend. He took a keen interest in his occupation, farming, and was ever alert to the modernization of agricultural pursuits, which were quite different when he retired from farming than those which existed when he first homesteaded near James. He was very industrious and never shirked his duties to his fellowmen, or his church.

Surviving are four sons: Andrew and Clarence of Aberdeen; Martin of Lancaster, Calif., and Oscar of Ipswich; also four grand-children, Clarence, Jr., Monica, Margaret and Katherine Prestegard. His wife, a son and daughter, preceded him in death.

Pallbearers were: H. P. Fangen, S. E. Windh, Herman Julson, Chas. A. Lietz, W. A. Harnois and Alfred K. Olson.