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Chas. Rix
LARGE CROWD CONGREGATES TO
HONOR MEMORY OF PIONEER
OF THE COMMUNITY

Many former neighbors and a large circle of friends and relatives gathered in the Methodist church Monday afternoon to pay tribute to the memory of Chas. E. Rix, who died at his home on Wednesday, last week, following a stroke suffered a few days earlier. Chief mourners were his wife and the three daughters, who had traveled from the Pacific coast to be present as their beloved father was laid away for the long rest.

Officiating at the service was the Rev. L. C. Benson and music was contributed by Mrs. Joe Williams and Miss Margaret Blader who sang two songs with Mrs. W. L. Hoover playing the accompaniments. The body was laid to rest in the family lot in the Groton cemetery.

Charles E. Rix was a native of Cedar Creek, Wis., but came with his parents as a small child to Spring Valley, Minn., and grew to manhood in that community. He came to South Dakota, then a territory, with the rear guard of the big influx of homesteaders in 1887 and engaged in farming.

He was married to Miss Minnie Stelter in 1889 and three daughters were born to the union. They are Mrs. Everett Earl of Bakersfield, Calif., Mrs. I. N. Miller of Glendale, Calif., and Mrs. Sylvia Alexander of San Francisco. The daughters and his wife, Mrs. Minnie Rix, are the next of kin survivors of the pioneer.

Mr. and Mrs. Rix have resided in Groton for many years since retirement from the farm east of town and the two have long been among the notable figures on the streets, being among the few survivors of the pioneer era. Their devotion to each other has been a matter of comment among their friends and acquaintances, a relation that is both touching and beautiful in aged matrimonial partners. Charlie Rix, as he was called by friends and cronies, will be missed on the streets of the town that was his home for almost two generations.