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FRED SCHLICHTING PIONEER, IS DEAD

LAST RITES HELD ON MONDAY
FOR VETERAN FARMER WHO
CAME IN 1883

A large group of neighbors and friends gathered at the St. John's Lutheran church Monday afternoon to pay a tribute to Fred Schlichting, veteran Hanson settler, who died in the hospital at Aberdeen early last Thursday, following an illness of only a few days. Officiating was the Rev. J. E. Schwarting, pastor of the church.

Preceding the church service was a brief rite at the home of the deceased at which Miss Gloria Eske sang a solo, after reading of the scriptures and prayer by the pastor. Contributing songs at the church was a quartette consisting of Miss Geraldine Van Ripper, Miss Gloria Eske, Francis Lorenz and Paul Schwarting. Interrment was in the family lot in the Hanson cemetery, not far from the homestead the deceased took up in 1883.

The death of the esteemed neighbor and friend came as something of a shock to his family and friends, since he had been unusually active for a man of his years, never missing his daily trip to the post office and dropping in to chat with his cronies and perhaps enjoy a game of euchre. He was confined to his home a few days, but was taken to the hospital for treatment on the Monday preceding his death.

Mr. Schlichting was a quiet-spoken, even-tempered man, whose friendships included all who knew him. Since retirement from his farm in 1907 his chief interests lay in his home in Groton and the large garden and orchard, which somehow seemed to return harvests when no others did. He was an enthusiastic hunter and never missed hunting upland game even during the last few years of his life.

He was a native of Mayville, Wis., the son of William and Henrietta Schlichting, born to them on February 24, 1861. Shortly before his death he was planning a party for his 81st birthday, an event eagerly looked forward to by his family and close friends.

He came to Dakota Territory in 1883 homesteading in Hanson township. He was married to Caroline Radke on March 13, 1890 and five children were born to the union, two sons who died in infancy and three daughters, all of whom survive.

Mrs. Schlichting died on March 11, 1906. He was again married in 1907 to Mrs. Elizabeth Lenling, who died three years later.