

March 29, 1923

GROTON PIONEER DIES SUDDENLY

FORESTER H. SMITH SUCCUMBS
AFTER LINGERING
ILLNESS

News was received on Thursday at Groton by W. B. Miller, that Forester H. Smith had died suddenly on that morning, at Groton, California. Mr. Smith had a declining health for the past several years and recently had quite a sick attack which he was slow to recover from. At the present time it is impossible to state just where he will be buried but the supposition is that he will be buried at Groton.

Mr. Smith was about sixty-eight years of age when he came to North Dakota with his brother, George N. Smith, in the late 1880s and settled in the Red River valley near Amenia, N. D. The Smith brothers came to Brown county and took up land here and he and his brother George N. were in charge of the land until the death of the latter. Mr. Smith lived in Brown county and took care of the farms belonging to the Smith brothers for a number of years. About ten years ago he returned to North Dakota and has spent his winters mostly in California. Mr. Smith was a progressive farmer, a good neighbor and a good citizen. In politics he was a Republican and represented the county in the legislature of the state of South Dakota.

His death will be regretted by a large number of people. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Smith, of Groton, Cal., and two sons, Forest and George, who operate the Smith farm and reside in North Dakota.

Mr. Smith was also a good roads enthusiast and always took a leading part in the development of better roads. He was not only in his town but in the county. He owned property in the first graded roads in the county and can be attributed to his credit for their benefit.