

December 6, 1951

Mrs. Mary Totzke

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Totzke, of Groton, were held Friday, Nov. 30, at 2:00 p. m., in St. John's Lutheran church. The Rev. R. M. Grundmeier officiated. Mrs. Totzke passed away on November 27, one day before her 76th birthday, following a lingering illness.

Miss Ruth Marske of Andover sang several hymns, accompanied by Mrs. Eugene Neumann on the organ. Pall bearers were Wm. J. Paetznick, Jack Johnson, Ewald Kuehnert, George Karnopp, Gus. Carlson and Chris. Knoll. Burial was in the Andover cemetery.

Mrs. Totzke was born in Poodel, Germany, Nov. 28, 1875. She came to South Dakota when it was yet a territory, and was married to Frank Totzke on Jan. 15, 1893. They settled on a farm between Andover and Groton. Her husband's death occurred in 1912, and the following year she came to Groton to make her home. Mrs. Totzke was of a very quiet and kindly disposition, and enjoyed the highest respect and esteem of a large circle of friends. She took a keen interest in her children and their families.

She is survived by ten children: Mrs. Joe Schafer (Mary), and William of Andover; Mrs. Fred Bistodeau (Ella), of Napa, Calif.; Mrs. Albert Amsden (Lucy); of St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. A. G. Strom (Minnie), of Watertown; Henry, of Tacoma, Wash.; Mrs. Keith Inglis (Ethel), of James; Mrs. LeRoy Gooding (Edna), of Aberdeen; Mrs. George Amsden (Bertha), and Arthur Totzke, both of Groton; also 23 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. One son, Frank, Jr., preceded her in death in 1906.

All her children were present at the last rites except Mrs. Fred Bistodeau of Napa, Calif. A grandson, Lawrence Schafer of Tacoma, Wash., also came for the funeral.