

April 27, 1915

PETER WENNOCK

Another pioneer has gone to rest. On last Friday, April 23, 1915, at the home, five miles northwest of the city, Peter Wennock passed away at the age of 71 years.

Mr. Wennock was among the earliest settlers of Brown county having come here when the country was just opening up, he settled on the homestead where he lived continuously until his death. He was born in Cernland, Sweden, Aug. 10, 1844. He spent his boyhood and young manhood days there and later came to America. He was here at two different times. The first time he came was in 1868 and he made a stay of eight years, going back to his old home for five years and then, returning, he came to South Dakota where he settled in his present home. He was married April 7, 1882, his wife having preceded him to the grave by about four years. To this union two children were born, Oscar and Amanda Wennock, both of whom survive the father, and still live on the homestead.

Mr. Wennock was a true pioneer. It is related that when he first took up his land and while he was breaking it he slept at night under the wagon which had brought him here, there being no house on his place or within miles of it. Those were the days when money was scarce indeed and Mr. Wennock was gifted with a genius for making things which helped him out materially in the comforts line.

Just about a year ago he was kicked by a horse, and since that time he had not been well. It is believed that he was injured internally and that he never recovered from the accident.

The funeral was held from the house yesterday, Monday, April 26, Rev. Glesne, of Aberdeen, officiating, and he was laid to rest in the Groton cemetery.

Mr. Wennock was one of the real pioneers and he was one of the men who made the development of the country to its present prosperous condition possible. He remained here through all of the years when the sledging was the hardest; he was weighed in the balance of the hard times which this country saw and he was not found wanting.