

November 4, 1954

John Whiteaker

Funeral services were held for John Whiteaker Thursday, at the Paetznick Funeral Home in Groton, with the Rev. Dr. Harold Trost of Aberdeen officiating. Burial was in the Groton cemetery. Pall bearers were: Wm. Tewksbury, R. H. Miller, Cal Morrill, Richard Jenske, Robert Knickrehm and R. L. Carmine.

Mr. Whiteaker passed away Sunday, Oct. 24, 1954, at St. Luke's hospital in Aberdeen at the age of 67 years.

John Leslie Whiteaker was born to Alerick and Lucinda Whiteaker, Feb. 27, 1887, near Tomah, Wis., coming to South Dakota in 1910. He served with the infantry in World War I.

On Oct. 1, 1919, he was married to Edith Mereness and established a farm home near Verdon until 1949, when they moved to Aberdeen. To this union was born three children. He was preceded in death by his wife in May, 1950.

He is survived by one son, Leslie of Aberdeen; two daughters, Mrs. Sherwood Blattert (Louise), St. Paul, and Mrs. Connie Engstrom (LaVonne) of Aberdeen. Four grandchildren, Carole Sue Blattert, Leslie John Whiteaker, Connie Lynn and Gordon Allen Engstrom; three sisters, Mrs. Nora Van Alstyne and Mrs. Olive Schanke, Wisconsin, and Mrs. Iva Tourangeau, Minneapolis, also survive, together with a host of other relatives.

Deep sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

Relatives from away attending the funeral include: Mrs. Sherwood Blattert, St. Paul; Mrs. Iva Tourangeau, Minneapolis; Mrs. Nora Van Alstyne, Bloomer, Wis., and Mrs. Lester Thalacker, Cameron, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. Oren Mereness, Cando, and Wm. Mereness, Redfield.