

December 21 1915

✓ **WILLIAM S. KEISER**

Wm. S. Keiser was laid to rest in Groton Union cemetery Friday afternoon, Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., being in charge of the services. They were held at the H. Paetznick home, to which the remains were taken upon their arrival in Groton and where they were viewed by a large number of friends throughout the morning. A service had been conducted in Long Beach, Cal., before the remains were brought east.

Mr. Keiser was fifty-eight years and six months old at the time of his death. Born in Keota, Ia., in 1857, his childhood and young manhood were spent at that place. He came to South Dakota in 1881 soon after his marriage and settled on a farm near Verdon, where the family made their home until they removed to Groton in 1892. He was a Groton resident from that time until 1905 when he went to Texas, engaging in the real estate business. Six years ago he went from Texas to Long Beach, Cal., where he spent his last days. Four years ago he was stricken with paralysis, and from that time on he had never been well. Of an optimistic, hopeful disposition, he never gave up, and it never seemed as though he suffered very much, but death finally claimed him on Dec. 7, 1915.

In addition to Mrs. Keiser, he is survived by Mrs. Vanhoorhis of Hitchcock, S. D.; Mrs. Thos. Douglas, of Long Beach, Cal.; Mrs. J. Root, Sacramento, Cal.; Dick Keiser, whose home is on the Verdon homestead, but who is at present in California. Of his brothers and sisters there are C. O. Keiser of Canyon, Tex.; John D. Keiser, Keota, Ia.; Mrs. Ed Gilberts, of Keota, Ia.

Deceased was a member of Groton Presbyterian church, the Woodman and I. O. O. F. lodges in Groton.

Deceased was one of the very early pioneers of the Groton district, coming when the country was but just starting. Throughout all of the years since, he had proven himself to be deserving of the rich friendship of practically everyone with whom he came in contact and they all feel a personal loss in his taking away.