

September 3, 1975

Mrs. M. Lamont

Services for Mrs. M.B. (Margaret) Lamont, member of a pioneer Groton family and longtime Aberdeen resident, were held Wednesday, Aug. 27, at the First United Methodist Church in Aberdeen with the Rev. Richard Ward officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Lamont died August 23 at Americana Health Care Center in Aberdeen where she had been a resident since June.

Clayton Southwick was soloist, accompanied by Mrs. John Skogmo. Casketbearers were William S. Lamont, Washington, D.C.; Robert B. Lamont II, Col Richard Kettering, Aberdeen; Glenn Lamont, Morbridge; Frederick M. Lamont, Vermillion; and Jason Groves, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

Margaret Edwina Mather was born to Edwin J. Mather and his wife, Lillian Wilson Mather, one of Brown County's earliest pioneer families on the homestead called "Shadeland Farm," two miles west of Groton, on January 16, 1890. Her father filed on this land and together with his brother, R.A. Mather, on a tree claim north of Groton in October, 1880. He returned to his home in Wisconsin and brought his bride to Dacotah Territory in 1881, planting trees from seed and saplings brought with her.

E.J. and R.A. Mather, together with the Frommel family, established the Trinity Episcopal Church built in 1884. The Mathers were noted for their perfect attendance and dedication to the church. E.J. Mather was Brown County State Senator in 1913.

Margaret graduated from Groton High School in 1907, attended Northern Normal and Northwestern University and taught rural school near Groton. She also sang in the church choir. She married Maurice B. Lamont, Aberdeen, son of another pioneer family, September 12, 1912, and made her home there for 62 years. Her husband died in a hunting accident in 1915.

She was an active member of the First Methodist Church in Aberdeen and various other organizations.

Survivors include one son, Robert B. Lamont, Aberdeen; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. One son, William; two sisters,