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When on Saturday last Christian Frank Matthes closed his eyes to earthly scenes in a Chicago hospital, another of the old-timers of 1881 in this locality was numbered with the silent majority.

He was a native of Horicon, Wis., and would have been fifty-three years of age next month.

Deceased was stricken with paralysis some months since, and from that time until the end there was a steady decline. He had for long been employed with his older brother who is a chemical engineer in Chicago, and spent two years in Denver since leaving here ten years ago.

When stricken with failing health he came back to Groton in the hope that a change of scenes and climate might help, but receiving no benefit, he returned to Chicago recently, where the end speedily came. His body was brought back to Groton and laid to rest in Union Cemetery, where both his father and mother, former residents of Groton, were buried.

Funeral services were held at the home of his niece, Mrs. Will Pfeifer, conducted by Rev. Graef of James.

He is survived by one brother and a sister—Herman Matthes of Chicago, and Mrs. Otto Mewes of Riverside.

An upright, honorable gentleman has gone to his reward. Peace to his ashes.