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FORMER GROTONITE IS KILLED BY GAS

**J. B. QUIGGLE OF ABERDEEN
INHALES DEADLY FUMES
WHILE SLEEPING**

J. B. Quiggle, of Aberdeen, a former resident of this city and a well-to-do retired farmer, was found dead in his room in Aberdeen Thursday morning, his death being due to gas asphyxiation some time Wednesday evening.

The first intimation of his death was received in Groton when a neighbor phoned Groton parties and asked if Mr. Quiggle had been seen here for the past few days. Neighbors in Aberdeen had observed that Mr. Quiggle had not been seen about his place for some time, and it was thought that he might be in Groton at the home of his son, Ernest. Inquiry developed that Mr. Quiggle had not visited Groton, and upon learning this police authorities were notified, who went to the Quiggle home on Sixth Avenue and forced an entrance.

Upon opening the doors the searching party was met with a rush of gas which had permeated the entire house. Working their way upstairs, they found Mr. Quiggle dead in bed. The county coroner was summoned and after an examination pronounced his death as being due to gas asphyxiation.

All indications point to the fact that Mr. Quiggle had eaten supper and was heating water to do the customary housework when the water boiled over and extinguished the flames. It was further surmised that he had not noticed the gas fumes, and feeling faint went up-stairs to lie down and death overtook him.

Mr. Quiggle is survived by his wife, Carrie A., who was in Michigan at the time of his death; three sons, Ernest J., of Groton; Guy of Williams, Mont., and Milo of Los Angeles; two sisters, Mrs. Daniel Fisher of Greenville, Mich., and Mrs. Myra Fargo of Riverside, Cal.; also one brother, Harmon of Greenville, Mich.

He was one of the old time residents of South Dakota, coming to Groton in 1881 and moving to Aberdeen eight years ago. He was 72 years of age at the time of his death.

J. B. Quiggle was born in 1855 in Hartford, Ohio. Moved to Greenville, Mich., when he was 12 years of age. He was educated at the Greenville high school and attended a business college in Painsville, Ohio. He came to Dakota in 1880 and homesteaded land near Groton, which he still owns. He was married to Carrie Earl of Greenville, Mich., in 1884.