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F. C. ROBINSON LAID TO REST

FUNERAL SERVICES OF PIONEER RESIDENT HELD LAST THURS- DAY AFTERNOON

Funeral services were held for the late Franklin C. Robinson last Thursday afternoon at the family residence at 2:00 o'clock, conducted by the Masons, and at 2:30 at the Presbyterian church, where Rev. T. R. Taggart paid tribute to the life and works of the departed.

Mr. Robinson, who was past eighty years of age, was born at Salem, Maine. He was of English and Scotch ancestry and from them inherited his staunch and sturdy convictions. In 1850 the family moved to Wisconsin and there Mr. Robinson grew to manhood. He was educated in the public schools and attended Brockway college at Rippon, Wis. In 1863 he was married to Miss Rebecca J. Smith. To this union four children were born, three of whom are still living. In 1867 he moved to Minnesota and there took active part in the public affairs of his community and state, serving for some time as a member of the legislature. He was author of the first law passed in that state dealing with the regulation of freight and passenger rates.

The call for the west was still strong so in 1881 he moved to Clark, Dakota Territory, where he engaged in the grain business, remaining there until 1883, when he came to Groton, continuing and developing the grain business.

In 1899 his wife died and in 1901 he was married to Miss Zadia M. Amsden, who survives him.

Always interested in public questions, Mr. Robinson gave much time and study to the development of the transportation problems. He served two years as a member of the state board of agriculture, from 1907 to 1909, when he was elected a member of the state railway commission, serving six years or until 1915. He was chairman of the board for two years, 1913-14. On this board he rendered valuable service, his wide study of the situation standing him in good stead.

Mr. Robinson was a Mason, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter, commandery and shrine. In early youth he united with the Methodist church, but on coming to Groton, he united with the Presbyterian church where for many years, with his characteristic zeal he was the acceptable teacher of the men's Bible class.

His eighty years came to a close suddenly, but the record of the years show them to have been busy ones, not lived in vain. To the sorrowing widow, Mrs. Zadia Robinson, and his daughter, Mrs. M. F. Bowler, of Groton, and his sons, A. A., of Minot, N. D., and Carl, of Seattle, together with his grand children, the sympathy of the community is extended.

The body was laid to rest in the Groton Union cemetery.