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## OLD PIONEER DIES SATURDAY MORNING

DEATH DUE TO INFIRMITIES  
OF OLD AGE—FUNERAL  
HELD MONDAY

Michael Daniel Saunders, an old settler of the Stratford vicinity, passed to his eternal reward Saturday morning, his death being due to the effects of advanced years. The deceased was 92 years old at the time of his death. He has a sister in Elkhart, Ind., who is seven years his senior.

Mr. Saunders was born in Stark county, Ohio, in 1834, and lived there until he reached young manhood. He answered the call of the west and journeyed to Le Mars, Iowa, where he lived until 1882, when he came to South Dakota and proved up on land in the vicinity of Stratford. The following spring his family joined him here and they have since made their home in South Dakota. His wife died in 1900.

The funeral was held at his home Monday, conducted by Rev. Ray, of the local Methodist church, and the remains were laid to rest in Groton cemetery.

Mr. Saunders leaves surviving him, a sister, niece and nephew. The sister is Mrs. Kate Kaylor, of Elkhart, Ind., who is about 100 years of age and in good health, having made a trip to California three years ago; Mrs. Kate Sheffler of Verdon, a niece, and George Saunders of Verdon, a nephew.

Mr. Saunders was baptized in the Methodist church several years ago, and since has been a faithful member of that body.