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## William Stange

William Stange, 95, pioneer resident of the Groton vicinity, passed away Wednesday afternoon, March 5, 1958, at the Aberdeen hospital. He had been in failing health for some time.

Mr. Stange was born January 24, 1863, at Lomira, Wis., where he grew to young manhood. On March 9, 1886, he married Emma Kleifoth, also of Lomira. The young couple set up housekeeping on the barren prairies of South Dakota nearly 72 years ago, coming here shortly after their marriage to settle on land southwest of Groton, which was their home for 12 years. Later they moved to a farm northeast of Stratford and in 1944 retired, moving to this city to make their home for 11 years, but during late years resided with their children.

Survivors in addition to his widow are six children, Edwin of Wheaton, Minn.; Paul of Aberdeen; Herman and Mrs. Albert Lorenz of Groton, and Ewald and Mrs. Alex Schley of Stratford. One son preceded him in death. One sister, Mrs. Mary Gengerke of Aberdeen, 25 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were conducted at St. John's Lutheran Church here on Sunday at 2:30 p. m., with the Rev. R. M. Grundmeier officiating. Burial was in the East Rondell cemetery near Stratford. Music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sultz, Mrs. Louis Krueger, Mrs. C. E. Rehfuss, Mrs. Elmer Herron and Mrs. Grundmeier, vocalists, accompanied by Mrs. Eugene Neuman, organist. Pall bearers were Lavern and Duane Schley, Glenn Lorenz and Virgil, Verlin, Gary, Paul, Jr., and Gilbert Stange, all grandchildren of the deceased.

Those attending the last rites from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Scharf, Fond du Lac, Wis.; Edwin Erdmann, Lomira, Wis.; Mrs. Mary Zahn, Brownsville, Wis.; Mrs. Herbert Zahn, Mayville, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Stange, Mr. and Mrs. Arno Stange, Wilfred and Viola Stange, Wheaton, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner and family of Beardsley, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jenson and family, Moorhead, Minn.; Kermit Schley, Duane Schley, Mrs. Cora McClure, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. William Haselhorst, Mansfield, S. D., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ness, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Vik, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jablinske, all of Aberdeen.