

May 23, 1957

John H. Kepke

(From the Putney Correspondent)

Funeral services for John H. Kepke were held Saturday afternoon, at 2:00 o'clock, in the Methodist church with the Rev. Harvey Sander officiating. Mr. Kepke, well-known and well-liked farmer of Putney township, passed away suddenly the previous Tuesday evening, as the result of a heart attack. He had been suffering with a heart ailment for two years. Burial was in the Groton cemetery with the Paetznick Funeral Home in charge.

Music at the services was provided by Mrs. Robert Wegner at the organ, and by the quartet, Misses Margaret and Myrtle Blader, Paul Krueger and Gilbert Erdmann.

Honorary pallbearers were Howard Henley, Ray Clark, Floyd Rix, Irl Frommel, Harry Pharis and Frank Jensen, and active pallbearers were Wm. H. Wood, Foster Rix, Chester Thompson, Frank Pratt, A. J. Schuelke, and George Schornack.

John Herman Kepke, son of Herman Kepke and Augusta Thielke Kepke, was born on April 24, 1891, and passed away at the farm home on Tuesday evening, May 14, 1957, at the age of 66 years.

He attended the local rural school, and was graduated in 1911 from what was then the Northern Normal and Industrial School at Aberdeen. On Oct. 7, 1920, he was married to Nora Ruden at Hettinger, N. D. To this union three sons were born.

John was a member of the Groton Methodist church, a veteran of World War I, a past master of Groton Lodge No. 65, A. F. & A. M.; also a past high priest of Groton Royal Arch Masons No. 39. Since the organization of Putney Township in 1926, he has been connected with it continuously, either as clerk or assessor, and he also acted as clerk on the school board for many years.