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DEATH OF MRS. McFARLANE

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On Sunday last occurred the death at her home near Stratford of Mrs. Walter McFarlane, in her seventy-seventh year.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday at the Groton Presbyterian church, with sermon by her former pastor, Rev. O. F. Chitterick of Java, formerly pastor at Stratford.

Miss Julia Rapp was born in Bethlehem Township, Mercer County, Pa., March 22nd, 1832. Moved with her parents to Dane County, Wis., in 1843. Married Walter McFarlane March 18, 1866. Moved to South Dakota in March of 1885. To this union seven children were born, six sons and one daughter, all being present at the time of death and at the funeral. Besides her own family she leaves to mourn her loss two brothers and five sisters.

An unusual event at the funeral was the presence of her six stalwart sons, who tenderly helped with the last sad rites as pall-bearers. That they could all be present was indeed a source of comfort for they are widely scattered in their home life. Andrew lives at Putney, Peter and Albert at Hettinger, Chas. at Weyburn, Canada, Eli at Groton, William at the home farm, and the sister, Mrs. E. Perrin at Stratford.

The clergyman in his address paid a deserved tribute to motherhood, and to none is such a tribute more deserving than to one who has reared a large family while enduring all the hardship and limitations of pioneer life.

It is indeed unusual that in so large a family, the hand of death should be staid for forty-four years, but that fact augments rather than lessens the grief which attends the departure of wife and mother.

To the true and tried old veteran and his sons and daughter there can be none but the sincerest sympathy in their hour of deepest trial.