

September 19, 1940

FUNERAL RITES HELD FOR PETER McFARLANE

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Peter Harrison McFarlane, a short prayer service at the Paetznick Funeral Home preceding the service at the Presbyterian church. The Rev. H. W. Atkinson, pastor of the church, officiated. Organ music was presented by Mrs. Chas. E. Adams preceding the sermon and while friends and neighbors bade farewell with a last glance at the well-known features of the pioneer resident and long-time neighbor.

Pall bearers were: E. A. Mueller, H. Henderson, Chas. E. Adams, R. W. Bradshaw, Palmer Peterson and C. C. Ferguson. Burial was in the family lot in Groton cemetery.

"Old Pete McFarlane," as he was familiarly known, died on September 13, following a paralytic stroke suffered three days earlier. He had been in failing health for several years and confided to close friends on occasion that he was looking forward to the final summons as welcome relief from the tribulations of ill health and old age.

He was born in Dane county, Wisconsin on February 5, 1867, and came to Dakota Territory with his parents as a lad of 18, settling with them in Gem township. This community has been his home virtually since that time, although he was absent while homesteading in the neighborhood of Hettinger, N. Dak., about thirty years ago.

He was never married, living with his parents until their death about 20 years ago. Since that time he has had no home except for bachelor hall arrangements for a time. Pete McFarlane was a kindly man, who asked little of life, and, ironically enough, was denied most of the things that men hold essential to happiness and well being. Death was more generous than life. It gave him all that any man gets, rest from the fitful fever of living.