

July 6, 1961

Richard McDonald ✓

Requiem mass for Richard McDonald, aged 79, Groton and Putney farm worker since 1909, was conducted at St. John's Catholic church at 9:00 a. m., Friday. The Rev. Fr. E. J. Coyne officiated and burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery. Paetznick Funeral Home was in charge of arrangement. A rosary was said the previous evening.

Pall bearers were Dale Hosley, Walter Kepke, James Rasmussen, Ray Johnson, James Murray and Leland Christian.

Mr. McDonald passed away Tuesday night in the Good Samaritan Rest Home, where he had lived for several months. His only known living relative is a sister, Minnie, in Ireland. A brother, Timothy, who came to America with the deceased, died several years ago in Chicago.

When Mr. McDonald stepped off the Milwaukee train in Aberdeen 52 years ago, he had to wait only a short time before being hired by George Cure for the threshing season. When that work was done he went to the W. E. Hosley home for the rest of the fall. He not only worked for these two men again and again, but for many other farmers at Putney. Of late years, until his health began to fail he was employed by Ray Johnson on his farm, south of town.

With his Irish brogue, ready wit and kindly disposition he endeared himself to all the members of each family with whom he lived.

Among those who attended the last rites were these from out of the community: I. F. Warner and Mrs. Mabel Haire of Aberdeen, Mrs. Pat Hemmer, Palmer, Alaska, Jack Sieh, Clearwater, Fla., and James Rasmussen, Sacramento, Calif.