

**DEATH CALLS JAMES  
12-30-20 M. JOHNSON**

**AGED RESIDENT OF GROTON  
DIES SUDDENLY ON THURS-  
DAY MORNING**

On Thursday evening at about six o'clock, J. M. Johnson, as was his custom, stepped outside to feed the chickens. When he had not returned to the house by 6:30, one of the family went out to be of assistance to him if possible, but on entering the coal house he was found leaning against a pile of wood, dead. The cause is attributed to heart failure.

James Millington Johnson was born on July 3, 1861, near Paudeauh, Kentucky. In the summer of 1864, his parents moved westward to Illinois and settled in Coles county.

He was married to Miss Ellenora V. Crum on Aug. 26, 1888. To this union were born two children, H. L. and J. Edward. During December 1901 he was united with the Methodist church at Oaktown, Indiana, where he was still a member up to the time of his death. In July, 1911, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson moved to South Dakota, making their home at Groton.

He departed this life on December 23, 1920, at the age of 59 years, five months and twenty days.

There remain to mourn his loss besides a multitude of friends, two brothers, Charles E. and A. L. Johnson, both of Martoon, Illinois, his life companion, and two sons, H. L. and J. Edward.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, Rev. C. B. Harrold officiating. The remains were laid to rest in the Groton Union cemetery.

The Independent extends sympathy to the family in the hours of their sorrow.