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JOHN H. LITTS

Another Pioneer Called to the Great Beyond the Past Week.

John H. Litts passed away at his home in East Riverside Thursday. He had been in very poor health for several years past, but until a comparatively short time before his death no fears were entertained that he might be called to the great beyond. For that reason the news came to his many friends in Groton as a distinct shock.

One of the pioneer residents of the Groton community, John Litts was a man who was known to everyone in the Groton community for as he lived he served in all things which he was called upon to do and in his home community he will be missed for it was he who was ever ready to do those small tasks in the community which mean small pay and small thanks.

During a long residence he had won the respect and confidence of all who knew him, and he lived up to that reputation throughout. He was ever on the right side when it came to matters of benefit to the community in whatever capacity.

He was ever prominent in educational work, taking a great interest in that part of the community life where he lived. He had also served Riverside as town clerk for seventeen years.

John H. Litts was born in Hulsey, Ulster county, New York, on Sept. 10, 1841, moving with his parents to Port Byron, New York, in 1853.

He was married to Hannah Warren Dec. 17, 1867. To this union two children were born, Clara, Mrs. Sydney Leake, and Bertha, who died in infancy.

For many years he was engaged in the coal and lumber business in Port Byron, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Richard Warren. On Oct. 5, 1885, he and his family removed to Groton, and he has made his home since on the homestead which he took up at that time.

He is survived by his wife and daughter, Mrs. S. A. Leake, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the family home in East Riverside, Sunday, at 2 o'clock, Rev. Harrold, of Groton M. E. church officiating. They were well attended, a large number going out from Groton to be present. Interment was in Groton Union cemetery immediately following.

A large number of friends join with us in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.