

August 10, 1915

## ISAAC RITTER

Isaac Ritter passed away at his home in Groton this morning at 3:15 o'clock.

He had been ill for about a year, but the past three months he had been about, attending to his duties as county commissioner and looking after his property interests as usual. So late as Sunday afternoon he took a trip by auto to his farm.

He was down town about 6:30 o'clock in the evening and went home about that time. He complained of being cold and Harry went to the basement to build up a fire. While he was there Mr. Ritter was stricken and in response to Mrs. Ritter's call he came back up stairs. After this time Mr. Ritter was conscious but a short time Sunday evening, and grew gradually weaker until death called him this morning as above recorded.

Born in Ashland, Ohio, April 20, 1848, he lived there until 16 years of age when he entered the Union army, serving until the end of the war. Following this, he moved from Ohio to Michigan in 1865 where he lived until 1881 whence he came to South Dakota, settling near Groton and living on his farm north of town and in Groton continuously since.

He was twice married, to Julia May Vanleuven March 8, 1870, seven children being born to them, four of whom survive. He was married to Charlotte Ryan, March 6, 1912.

At the time of his death he was 67 years, 3 months and 13 days of age.

He leaves to mourn his loss, besides those named above, three brothers and four sisters.

Frank Ritter, a nephew from Plum Coulee, Can., arrived this morning, and his brother, Anthony Ritter, is expected from Lake Odessa, Mich., tomorrow.

Mr. Ritter was a man who stood high in the esteem of his neighbors. He was always active in whatever field he found himself, and was ever ready to serve in whatever capacity he was called upon. He had served the county in the office of sheriff in 1899-1900, and in 1912 he was elected commissioner from this district. He was still in office at the time he passed away, having about two years left of his term.

Funeral arrangements have not been made as yet, but they will probably be held Thursday afternoon from the Methodist church with interment in Groton Union cemetery.