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GROTON FARMER DIES AT BRITTON

C. J. SPERRY EXPIRES SUDDENLY WHILE PLOWING ON DIXON FARM

C. J. Sperry, a farmer who has been residing southeast of Groton for many years, died suddenly near Britton last week while plowing on the Art Dixon farm. His death is thought to have been due from a sudden attack of cramps, to which he had long been subjected.

Mr. Sperry and another party were at work in the fields and when Mr. Sperry's companion looked back and saw his horses were standing in the furrow. He went back to investigate and found his body lying behind the plow. He had been dead, perhaps, fifteen minutes when found.

The deceased was born at Fairfield, Iowa, on January 16, 1862 and was sixty-five years of age at the time of his death. On March 4, 1885, he was married to Miss Emma V. Bates, and to this union nine children were born, seven boys and two girls. Two of them died in infancy, while Perry Sperry was killed in an accident about two years ago. Those who survive are Earl, Otto and Clarence, of Groton; Mrs. Mae Gensmer, of Stratford; Ralph, of Wedron, Ill., and Russell of Ottowa, Ill. Seven grandchildren are also in the line of descendants. His wife died March 19, 1924.

Mr. Sperry came here in the spring of 1906 and made his home southeast of town, where he has resided until a short time ago.

He was a member of the Odd Fellows, and Knights of Pythias lodges, and affiliated with the Methodist church. He was a quiet, unassuming character, and well liked by a host of friends.

The funeral was held from the Methodist church, Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Ray, and the remains were laid to rest in Groton cemetery.