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Christian Friedrich Lisker was born Jan. 3, 1820, at Uttenback, Grand Duchy of Saxe-Weimar, Germany. In the year 1845 he was married to Friederike Koch. In 1856 he emigrated to America, Canada being his first choice for a home, his family joining him later on. In 1857 however, they moved to Iowa, locating near Belle Plaine, where they resided for six years. To this neighborhood the deceased came in 1863. He took a very prominent part in organizing the Lutheran church in this locality. In fact it was he who first, before a Lutheran pastor came to this neighborhood, gathered the Lutheran settlers in Sunday service which he led in different houses until a church was built. He was a man of considerable theological learning, well versed in everything pertaining to his church, well read and interested in the spreading of the Kingdom of God throughout the world. Soon after he had passed the 50th anniversary of his wedding his life partner was taken from him by death. The few remaining years of his life he spent with his daughter, Mrs. Bernhard Weber. His end was peaceful. He breathed his last at one o'clock Thursday morning, the 20th day of September, attaining an age of 80 years, 8 mo. and 17 days. He leaves six children. He was buried Saturday afternoon in the Lutheran cemetery, north of Malcom, Rev. J. F. Renisch officiating.