

## August Lidtka Has Ended Life of Service

In the passing of August Lidtka, one of Poweshiek County's very respected citizens, and one who for most fifty years has lived in this county has passed on.

August Lidtka was born in Germany, June 7th, 1846 and passed away at St. Francis Hospital Jan. 29, 1926, aged 79 years, 7 months, and 22 days.

Mr. Lidtka came to America in 1872 and at first made his home in Elmira, N. Y. August 10, 1872, he was united in marriage to Minnie Rex, whom he had known from early childhood in his native land and who had come to America on the same vessel that brought Mr. Lidtka.

For almost four years they made their home in Elmira, N. Y., then came the vision of the west, and they came to Iowa and settled in Poweshiek county, living in Malcom and later on a farm. Their home was either in Malcom or on a farm near Malcom until 1905, when they moved to Grinnell, which has continued to be their home for the past 20 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Lidtka were born eight children, two dying in infancy. Those living are: E. T. of Chester Township; Mrs. Theodore Shultz of Sheridan Township; John Lidtka of near Malcom; Will Lidtka, living in New Sharon. Mrs. Wilbur Gregson of Grinnell and Charles of Grinnell.

Those who mourn his loss besides his immediate family of wife and children are seventeen grandchildren and one great grandchild; one brother, Lawrence of Malcom, and a half brother John Swatchesue of Brooklyn, and a host of friends.

He was an honored member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge. His old Lodge at Malcom had charge and gave the Ritual funeral service. Rev. H. L. Wissler of Chester Center gave the funeral service at the Presbyterian church in Malcom and the body was laid to rest in the Malcom cemetery.