S. S. Ricketts.

S. S. Ricketts was born Sept. 14, 1844. He was one of five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Ricketts, in Drury township, Rock Island county, Ill. He came to Central Iowa and purchased a farm near Gilman. Soon afterward he married Minny Drury and to them were born two children, Maude M., now Mrs. Wm. Gardner, and one son, Leonard L.

After death of his wife in the early 90's, he removed to Grinnell where he has since resided. After his children married he has lived more or less alone.

He died Thursday afternoon after an iliness of only a few hours. The day before he was up town, and was stricken that afternoon. The immediate cause of death was heart failure.