

GEORGE RICHESON DIES OF ALCOHOLIC POISONING

Former Well-to-Do Rhodes Farmer, Who Figured in Sensational Divorce Case Brought by Wife, Mrs. Marie Churchill Richeson, Drops Dead at State Center.

George E. Richeson, aged 61, a former well-to-do Rhodes farmer whose wife, Mrs. Marie Churchill Richeson, was granted a divorce in Des Moines a year ago after a sensational trial, dropped dead of alcohol poisoning at the home of John N. Young, at State Center, at 10:30 Friday night.

Richeson was taken to the Young home, where he sometimes stayed, by two young men after they had found Richeson driving his car around State Center while drunk. Coroner Boucher said after investigating. The coroner ascribed death due to acute alcoholism and decided an inquest was not necessary.

Mrs. Richeson was a stenographer in this city before she married Richeson Feb. 20, 1915. She was his second wife. When Mrs. Richeson won her suit she was awarded \$20,000 alimony, \$1,500 attorney fees and \$1,300 for medical bills.

Richeson, who had lived near Rhodes for a long time before his second marriage, was born Feb. 16, 1863. His first wife was Belle Booth whom he married Aug. 25, 1880. She died sixteen years ago. Ten children were born to her, of whom eight survive their father. They are D. W., G. W. and O. E. Richeson, and Mrs. Roy Mallicott, Rhodes; D. F. and O. L. Richeson, State Center; Mrs. George Echternacht, Des Moines, and Mrs. H. V. Landis, Eldora. A brother, William, lives in Moline, Ill., and a sister, Mrs. William Batesole, resides here.

The funeral will be held at the D. F. Richeson home, four and one-half miles south of State Center, at 2 o'clock Sunday. Burial will be in Eden cemetery.