

T. J. Risinger (1843-1919)

Every penman and commercial teacher, as well as thousands of others, will learn with deep regret of the death of Thomas J. Risinger, pioneer commercial educator and penman, and head of the Utica School of Commerce, Utica, New York, which occurred on April 6, 1919.

When a young man, Mr. Risinger entered the Spencerian Art School at Geneva, Ohio, and while there was under the personal instruction of Platt R. Spencer, father of the Spencer Brothers, who were the authors of the Spencerian System of Penmanship.

Mr. Risinger was not quite 77 years of age, but had been active until quite recently, if we may judge from mail received at our office from him as late as March 20th.

He succeeded in building up a large institution, no less than 500 pupils having received instruction in the Utica School of Commerce during the school year of 1917-18. A son, W. S. Risinger, who has long, been associated with his father in management of the school, will continue the business.