

JOHN EVERETT DIES EARLY THIS MORNING

Prominent Retired Businessman Dead

John Everett, 91, prominent retired retail and wholesale grocer of this city and one of Decatur's few nonagenarians, peacefully slept into eternity at 2 o'clock this morning at his residence, 215 South Fifth street. He had a cardiac heart ailment, which was attributed as the cause of death.

For more than a half century Mr. Everett was active in Decatur business circles. Born in Van Wert county, Ohio, he came to this city when a young man and in 1890 formed a partnership with the late Henry Hite and opened a large grocery store, known as Everett and Hite. Later the two partners established the Everett and Hite wholesale grocery company, which for many years was one of the city's flourishing concerns. Mr. Everett also gave time to the developing of a farm which he owned in the county and was widely known from his long business and civic interests in this community.

A son of Dr. and Mrs. William Everett, Mr. Everett was born on Nov. 12, 1853. His 90th birthday anniversary in 1943 was the occasion of a happy family reunion at his home in this city.

Mr. Everett was married to Miss Eliza Jane Roop, who also was born in Van Wert county. Mrs. Everett preceded her husband in death in 1932.

Mr. Everett was a member of the First baptist church, the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges.

Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. Ina Peterson, wife of Cal E. Peterson, who reside at the Everett residence. Three sisters also survive, Mrs. Bell Lichtensteiger and Mrs. O. T. Johnson of Decatur and Mrs. Emma Young of Toledo, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the baptist church, the Rev. O. E. Miller of Haskins, Ohio, former pastor of the local church, officiating. Interment will be in the Decatur cemetery.

The body will be removed from the Black funeral home to the Everett residence and may be viewed after 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.