

## JOHN NIBLICK DEATH'S VICTIM

Prominent Decatur Merchant Dies at Home Sunday Morning

John Niblick, 77, life long resident of this city and president of the Niblick and Company store, died Sunday morning at 3:20 o'clock at his home on West Jefferson street, following a ten day's illness of influenza and asthma complications.

Mr. Niblick and his brother, Daniel Niblick, were owners of Niblick and Company Dry Goods store, one of Adams County's leading department stores. Mr. Niblick became associated with the business world at the age of 15 when he joined his father, Jesse Niblick, whose dry goods business was a lineal and logical successor of a stock of merchandise established in a log house in Decatur more than 75 years ago. Mr. Niblick was connected with the business for the past 62 years during which time he had served as president, and his brother, Daniel, served as secretary.

John Niblick was born in the city, January 8, 1853, the son of Jesse and Catherine Closs Niblick. One May 18, 1876 he was united in marriage to Mary A. Studabaker, who survives together with three children, Mrs. A. D. Suttles of this city, Mrs. O. P. Edwards of Leipsic, O., and Mrs. H. H. Stoner of Cleveland, Ohio. A son Burton S. Niblick, preceded the father in death in the past year, and another son, Jesse David, died in infancy.

A brother, Daniel, and two sisters, the Misses Mary Catherine Niblick, and Amelia Niblick, all of this city, and six grandchildren also survive.

In addition to his business life, Mr. Niblick was prominent in civic affairs. He was a Masonic Scottish Rite, and served as president of the Decatur Cemetery Association for the last 26 years. He was recording secretary of the Methodist Episcopal church of this city, where he has been a devoted member, for the past 40 years.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home with Rev. B. H. Franklin, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, officiating. Burial will be made in the Decatur cemetery.