

Veteran Printer Died Last Night

Edward A. Phillips, Formerly Connected with Local Publications, Dies

Edward A. Phillips, age 71, veteran newspaper man and printer and for nearly half a century a citizen of Decatur, died at his home on North First Street at 8:30 last evening, after an illness of about four weeks resulting from an accident which occurred nearly a year ago when he was struck by an automobile. At that time he was knocked to the street and received several severe wounds about the head. He recovered apparently, but a few weeks ago, became ill with pains in the head believed to have resulted from the accident. He was unconscious most of the time during the illness and death relieved him last evening.

Mr. Phillips was born at St. Mary's, Ohio July 14, 1852 and was reared and educated there learning the printer's trade. He came to Decatur in 1876 and the following year became associated with W. S. Congleton, starting the Decatur Free Press, second Republican paper in Adams County. Three years later, Mr. Phillips became the owner of the Decatur Journal, which he conducted until 1884, when he sold out and purchased the Geneva Enterprise, remaining there two years, and then he returned to Decatur. He was for many years employed with the Decatur Democrat, the Journal, Herald, and other local publications and for several years just passed served as foreman at the Commercial Print Shop.

July 30, 1877, Mr. Phillips married Miss Isabelle Miesse, of this city. The widow, two sons, Will and Charles of Lima, Ohio and five grandchildren survive him. He was a member of the First Methodist Church of this city. The funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at two o'clock from the home.