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James M. Rice Dies Sunday

Well Known Decatur Resident Dies After Long Illness

James M. Rice, 80-year-old resident of Decatur, died at his home, 219 North Seventh street, Sunday evening at 5 o'clock following a several month's illness. Death was due to complications. Mr. Rice had been ailing since January.

Mr. Rice was the proprietor of one of the first livery stables in Decatur and was a well known horse dealer. He was associated with Dan Railing in the livery business, known as Railing and Rice. He bought horses for Beery Brothers and also worked independently as a horse dealer. Abe Boch, Dan Beery and Mr. Rice organized the Decatur Horse Sale company here.

Mr. Rice conducted livery stables on North First street and on Jefferson street for a number of years, retiring from the business with the advent of the automobile. He was a lover of horses and was considered one of the best judges of horse flesh in this part of the country.

Mr. Rice was born in Root township, January 29, 1854, and spent his entire life in Adams county. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rice. He was united in marriage to Mary Kern who preceded him in death two years ago. Mr. Rice was a member of the local Methodist church.

One son, John Rice, survives, and a granddaughter, Chloe Miller of Fort Wayne. Five brothers, four sisters, four half sisters and a half brother, are deceased.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock at the Rice home on Seventh street and at 2 o'clock at the Methodist Episcopal church with Rev. H. R. Carson officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery.

The body will be removed to the Rice home on Seventh street from the S. E. Black Funeral home this evening.