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Death Claims Phoebe Rice

Pioneer Decatur Lady Dies This Morning At Daughter's Home

Mrs. Pheobe M. Rice, 83, well known woman and one of the pioneer residents of this city, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. F. Callow, 304 North Fourth street, at 8:25 o'clock this morning of paralysis. Mrs. Rice had been ailing for the past several months and the condition was critical the past few days.

She was well known in this city and was familiarly known as "Aunt Phoebe." For the past 15 years she resided with her daughter, Mrs. Callow.

Mrs. Rice was born in Decatur, December 1, 1848, a daughter of Charles and Phoebe Moore-Schirmeyer, both deceased. She was reared in this city and before her marriage was organist at the First Methodist Episcopal church, which was located at the corner of First and Jackson streets.

She was united in marriage to Joseph M. Rice, August 12, 1873. He preceded her in death 15 years ago next June.

Surviving are the three sons, Charles P. Rice of Canton, Ohio; Louis M. Rice and Frank E. Rice, both of Fort Wayne, one daughter, Mrs. Callow of this city; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two half sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Young of Belt, Montana, and Mrs. Emma McConnehey of California. A brother, the late Frank M. Schirmeyer, preceded her in death.

She was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church of this city for many years.

The funeral arrangements have not been completed. Rev. B. H. Franklin, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, will officiate and burial will be in the Decatur Cemetery.

Friends may view the body at the Callow home anytime Saturday afternoon or evening.