

Decatur Daily Democrat (IN), Friday evening, February 7, 1919

Well Known Lady

Mrs. Saloma Rice, Wife of John Rice, Sr., Died Last Night

Was a Victim of Pneumonia - Following Influenza

Sang in the Methodist Choir for Many Decades

Mrs. Saloma Rice, aged sixty-three years, wife of John Rice, Sr. of South Sixth street died last night at 11:40 o'clock, a victim of pneumonia of which she had been ill since last Friday, following an illness of influenza of two weeks' duration or more. She had been critically ill for several days preceding her death, when fears were entertained that she could not recover.

Mrs. Rice was one of the best known women of the city. She was a daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Daniel Railing, pioneer residents of the city, identified with much of its early growth. She was born here in 1855 and spent her entire life here. In early womanhood she was married to John Rice, the husband surviving. They had one child, a son who died in infancy. The parents died a few years ago, and one brother died in early childhood. The only surviving member of her father's family is her sister, Christena, wife of John Vail. Mr. and Mrs. Vail who are spending the winter in the south at Delphi, Louisiana, are expected home tomorrow morning.

Mrs. Rice was a member of the Methodist church and for many decades had been one of the singers in the choir, active until her last illness. She took an active part in all of the societies of the church and was one of its able workers. She was also a member of the Pythian Sisters lodge.

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**Fort Wayne News & Sentinel, Allen Co, IN; Feb 10, 1919**

FUNERAL OF MRS. JOHN RICE SR.

(Special to the News)

Decatur, IND..Feb 10.. Funeral services for Mrs. John Rice Sr. were held this afternoon from the Methodist church, where she has been a singer in the choir for many years. Death resulted from pneumonia following influenza.