

Jack Ross Dead

Veteran Blacksmith, Well Known, Succumbed This Morning at 10 O'clock

Was Ill Many Months

Passed Away on the Day After His Eighty-fourth Birth Anniversary

James J. Ross, veteran blacksmith of this city, familiarly and lovingly known to his many friends as "Jack" Ross, passed away this morning at ten o'clock at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ball, 815 North Second street. Mr. Ross had been gradually failing from hardening of the arteries for several months, but did not become bedfast until three weeks ago, dropsical complications arising at the last.

He and his aged wife have been residents of this city for thirty-five years, having resided on North Fifth street until three years ago when Mrs. Ross became helpless from a paralytic stroke, when they went to live with their daughter, Mrs. Ball, that they might be given better care. Mrs. Ross has been helpless during the last three years, but otherwise seems to be in fairly good health.

Mr. Ross was a native of Franklin, Ohio, where he was born September 16, 1835, being a son of Samuel and Francis Ross. He was eighty-four years of age yesterday, passing away on the afternoon of his birth anniversary.

Children from his first marriage are James and Clark Ross, a daughter, Alice, dying in 1908. From his second marriage, there are two children, Etta Boll and Charles Ross. Two children died in infancy.

He leaves one sister and one brother.

The deceased was a member of the Methodist church and of the Masonic lodge.

The funeral will be held from the A. C. Ball home and burial will be in the Decatur cemetery. The time will be announced later. The Rev. C. J. Miner will officiate.