

**Decatur Daily Democrat, (IN); Tuesday Evening, December 12, 1911.**

LONG LIFE ENDED

MRS. MARGARET RUBY DIED AT EARLY HOUR THIS MORNING AT HOME OF HER DAUGHTER

Mrs. John Barnett

Was Nearly 77 Years Old---Funeral Thursday

Mrs. Margaret Ruby, for forty years a resident of the county, died this morning at twenty minutes to 7 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Barnett, on Mercer Avenue, with whom she made her home for the last seven years. Had Mrs. Ruby lived until next February 15th she would have been seventy seven years of age, and her death was to a complication of diseases superinduced by old age. She had been gradually failing for the past year, though she had been bedfast only since Monday morning. For the last two months, however, her weakness had been more apparent and so frail was she that it was necessary to assist her by leading her from place to place. Mrs. Ruby's maiden name was Margaret Roop. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Roop and was born in Seneca county, Ohio, February 15, 1835. When but three years of age she came with her parents to Van Wert County, Ohio, where she lived until forty years ago, when she came to this county.

She was married first to Philip Thatcher, and to them were born ten children, three of whom are living. They are Samantha, wife of John Barnett of this city; Martha Jane, wife of George Strickler of near Monroe, and Amanda Wife of Richard Ross of Van Wert County, Ohio. Mr. Thatchers death occurred February 1, 1870. the widow was married to a second husband---John Ruby--- December 10, 1875, at Pleasant Mills, his death occurring March 19, 1881. She is survived by on brother, Jacob L. Roop, of Willshire, Ohio, and two sisters, Mary Troutner of Willshire and Susannah Ritter of this city. Mrs. Ruby was a good Christian lady, highly beloved by all, and death came to her, happy in the assurance of a long and useful life, well lived. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Christian Church, the services to be held by the Rev. J. M. Dawson, assisted by the Rev. A. Kohne of Willshire, Ohio. Interment in Maplewood Cemetery.

**Fort Wayne Gazette (IN); December 19, 1911**

Mrs. Margaret Ruby Dead at Age Seventy-Six

Decatur, Ind., Dec. 12 - Mrs. Margaret Ruby, aged sixty-six, died this morning at 6:40 o'clock at the home of her daughter Mrs. John Barnett, on Mercer avenue, with whom she had made her home the past seven years, her death being caused by a complication of diseases supenduced by the infirmities of old age. Mrs. Ruby's maiden name was Margaet Roop, she being a daughter of Jacob Roop. She was born in Seneca county, Ohio, but when three years of age came to Van Wert county, Ohio, where she lived until forty years ago when she came to this county and state. She was first married to Philip Thatcher, who death occurred in 1876 (sic). Of their ten children, three are living. They are: Mrs. John Barnett of this city; Mrs. George Strickler, of near Marion, and Mrs. Richard Ross of Van Wert county, Ohio. She also leaves one brother, Jacob L. Roop, of Willshire, and two sisters, Mary Troutner, of Willshire, and Susannah Ritter, of this city. Mrs. Thatcher was married in 1875 to John Ruby, whose death occurred March 12, 1884. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at two o'clock at the Christian church, the Rev. Dawson, of this city, and Rev. A. Kohne, of Willshire, officiating. Burial in Maplewood cemetery.