

J. R. DEMING, OLD RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

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—72 Years of Age

John R. Deming, a resident of Aurora for more than 40 years, passed away last night at 11:30 o'clock at his late residence, No. 14 South May street, aged 72 years.

Mr. Deming was a man of wonderful vitality, and had been in his usual health until a week ago Saturday morning when he was taken violently ill. He suffered intensely during his illness and grew rapidly weaker, although it was not apprehended last night that the end was so near until shortly before death came to his release.

Mr. Deming came to Aurora from Fayette, O., more than 40 years ago, buying a portion of the Rice property on South Lake street and building the house at the corner of Cross and Lake streets where he lived for many years.

Shortly after coming to Aurora Mr. Deming entered the dry goods store of J. S. Hawley in Main street, where he and S. S. Sencenbaugh were fellow employes for some time.

He afterward went into the dry goods business for himself, at one time occupying the property on River street, about where the Hotel Bishop buffet now stands. It is remembered by many old time residents that he bought out the stock of Volentine & Lawrence, and that it was this stock which was brought to Main street, where for a time he conducted a dry

goods and grocery store, which was afterward sold.

He then went into the auction business of which he has since made a specialty, at one time occupying a building on the site of the present Daily News.

He went back to 106 Main street and has since that time conducted a second hand store within one or two numbers of this building for more than 25 years.

John R. Deming was born December 25, 1834, his parents having been Dr. William and Amelia Hoadley Deming of Fayette, O.

He had been twice married, his first wife having been Miss Carrie Rice, a sister of the late F. B. Rice, a resident of Aurora for many years. Lewis H Rice of Galena street is a nephew of the decedent by marriage. Two children died in infancy.

Several years ago Mr. Deming married a second time, marrying Mrs. Maud H. Dick of Aurora, who survives him. He is also survived by three sisters, two of Fayette, O., and one of Detroit, Mich. He was a member of the New England Congregational church and had been a deacon of the church many years.

Mr. Deming was a familiar figure in the business community, the tall, erect grey bearded man being a part of the daily throng which made up the business population. Although more than 70 years of age, he carried his six feet and three inches in such manner as might arouse envy in the minds of many a younger man. Possibly this retention of the appearance of youth is hereditary, his mother having died a little over a year ago at the age of 101 years. He was highly respected among his business associates and owing to an affable, open nature, made many friends.

The funeral will be held Thursday at 2:30 o'clock from the late resident, 14 South May street. Interment in Spring Lake cemetery.

Deming Funeral Notice

The funeral of the late John R. Deming will be held from the late home in May street at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Rev. W. W. Willard of the New England Congregational church officiating. Burial will be in Spring Lake cemetery.