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Dies At Age of 95 Years

Mrs. Martha D. Johnston, County's Oldest Resident, Dies at Monroe

Mrs. Martha Dyerma Johnston, aged 94 years, probably the oldest resident of Adams county, died at her home in Monroe, at 10:10 o'clock last night. Death was due to senility, Mrs. Johnston having been bedfast for the last two years.

Mrs. Johnston was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Dyerma, and was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, April 17, 1830. She came to Adams county with her parents when she was 22 years old, the family settling near Pleasant Mills. When she was married to Jonathan H. Andrews she moved to within two miles of Monroe and the remainder of her life was spent in that immediate vicinity. Mrs. Johnston's first husband died several years after their marriage and late she was married to Johathan C. Andrews a cousin of her first husband. Her second husband died several years ago, she married a third time this time to James Johnston, who died in 1913. During the latter part of her life, Mrs. Johnston and her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Dulin, resided together in Monroe. Mrs. Johnston was well known and held in high esteem. She was a member of the M. E. church.

Mrs. Johnston is survived by the following children: Hazel C. Andrews of DeWitt, Ark., Anna Essex of Monroe, Thomas Johnston of Dunkirk, and Mrs. Dulin of Monroe. Also the following step-children: Mrs. Sam Haley of Portland, Mrs. Etta Hendricks of Monroe, John Gross of Portland, and Mrs. Lew Williams of Decatur. Mrs. Catherine Carpenter, of Middlebury, Ohio is a half sister of the deceased.

Funeral services will be held from the M.E. church in Monroe at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon the pastor, Rev. S. I. Zechiel, officiating. Burial will be made in the Ray Cemetery west of Monroe.