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DECATUR, Ind. July 6 - Nicholas Wagoner, aged 82, one of the pioneer residents of the county, died last night at his home in Monroe after a week's illness from paralysis. He was born in France but had lived in this county since the early forties. In 184(8?), he was married to Miss Mary Everhart, and to them were born 10 children, of whom the following survive: John of this city, Ira of Monroe, Eli of Montana, Mary Jane Baker and Minda Laisure, of Monroe, Etta Silvers of Winchester.

Mr. Wagoner's second wife was Sarah Whicker.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Winchester church near Monroe, the Rev. Wyer officiating.

Contributed by Penny Baughman North

In the death of Nicholas Wagner of Monroe township Decatur and Adams county have been called upon to mourn the loss not only of one of its most respected and honorable citizens, but one of the oldest, and nearly the longest living resident of the county; one who not only commanded the respect of each and every one, owing to his pleasant personality and kind words which he had for all, but also for his longevity, being numbered among the prominent farmers of the county, who was called by death Wednesday night at twenty minutes past ten o'clock. One week ago today, while attending to some business affairs in his home town, he was stricken with paralysis which affected his throat and reasoning faculties, rendering him unconscious, and he had to be removed to his home by those who were with him, remaining in this state until the next day, when he regained sufficient strength to ask for a glass of water, but never enough to recognize altogether what was going on about him. From then on he gradually grew worse and for the last few days the end had been hourly expected, he being relieved of his suffering at the above-stated hour. He was born in France eighty-two years ago, and when six years of age came with his parents to this county, settling in Ohio. Early in the forties they came to this county, locating in Washington township, where his parents both died. He grew to manhood in this county, following the vocation of farming, he being an active worker until a few years ago, when he disposed of his farm and since then has been living a retired life. Three years ago at the old settlers' meeting held at Geneva he was the oldest settler present and for which he was honored with a badge. He was married in 1848 to Miss Mary Everhart to whom ten children were born. After the death of his first wife he was again married to Sarah Whicker, who also passed away some years later.

He was married a third time to Miss Sarah Biele, who, with the six children, still survive. The children include John of this city, Ira of Monroe, Eli of Montana, Mrs. Mary Jane Baker, Mrs. Minda Laisure of Monroe and Mrs. Etta Silvers of Winchester. He also leaves one brother, James, of Washington township. The funeral services will be Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, sun time, from the Winchester church, southwest of Monroe, with the Rev. Thomas Wyer officiating. Interment will take place at the Ray cemetery.