

Dated October 3, 1961

John Joseph Dies Unexpectedly Today

John Joseph, 80, well known Decatur resident, died suddenly about 8:30 o'clock this morning in his room at 703 North Third street, where he resided. Death was attributed to complications. Although he had been in failing health for some time, he became ill only Monday and his death was unexpected.

Born in Lebon, Syria, June 23, 1881, he had resided in Decatur for 50 years, and for many years operated confectionaries in this city. He was never married.

Mr. Joseph was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic church.

Only near survivors are a niece, Mrs. N. Cannon of Farmville, N.C., and a nephew, Fred Maroon of Wilson, N.C.

The body was removed to the Gillig & Doan funeral home. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

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