

LONG LIFE ENDED

Mrs. Catherine Niblick Widow of Jesse Niblick, Passed Away On Sunday Morning  
Pioneer Lady of City  
A Resident Seventy Years - Funeral Tuesday

Just at the threshold of a new week, and just fifteen years to the very day after her husband, the late Jesse Niblick, had been laid to rest, Sunday morning, October 9th, at twenty-five minutes past eleven o'clock, Mrs. Catherine Magdalena Niblick, one of the best known pioneer ladies of the city, passed away at the family home on Second street, and the death of the good lady, though not unexpected, comes as a sorrowful shock to her many friends.

Mrs. Niblick, who had arrived at the age of eighty-one years last June, had been in failing health nearly the entire summer, suffering more from weakness and infirmities of age than any specific ailment, though she had been frail for many years from spinal trouble and rheumatism, and for the past week had she been bedfast, a trained nurse and the best of care attending her. Her mind remained bright and active to the very last, and from time to time during the week she called her dear ones to her and gave directions regarding many things of which the good mother-soul that she was, seemed to feel the responsibility. Only four weeks ago Sunday, she, in company with her daughters, spent the day at the home of her son, John, and though in delicate health then, she overruled all objections of the others in going, who feared that the visit might overtax her strength, saying that she would go as it would be the last time that she would ever be able to visit again at the home of her boy.

Mrs. Niblick was the daughter of John and Catherine Closs and was born in Marbinger, Germany, June 24, 1829. When but six years of age, her parents, with their family, came to America. The only mode of travel then was by sail boat and they were tossed about upon the ocean at the will of the wind for three months before they landed. They made the trip down to Ohio by lake and landed at Maumee, Ohio, where they resided until Catherine was nine years of age.

Her parents and their children then came to Adams county, Indiana, arriving here on New Year's Day, just seventy years ago last January 1st. At that time the county and what is now the city of Decatur was a wilderness.

Mr. Closs purchased a large tract of land, which is in the heart of the city, and at the place where the Old Adams County bank now stands, erected a tavern of which he was landlord. At the tavern, the home of her parents, Miss Catherine was united in marriage October 16, 1851, to Jesse Niblick, with who she lived happily until his death

fifteen years ago October 6th, the burial taking place October 9th, on the fifteenth anniversary of which she passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Niblick went to housekeeping in a house on the site where the Journal office now stands, and forty-four years ago last August moved into the home on Second street where they spent the remainder of their lives, the Niblick family homestead being one of the largest and best known residences in the city.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Niblick: John, William H., Jesse, James K., Mary C., Amelia F., Charles S. and Daniel M. All of them except Jesse, who died when but four years of age, and William H., whose death occurred four years ago, are still living, making their home in this city. Mrs. Niblick was the last one of her parents' family of twelve children. Several of her brothers and sisters died in infancy, those living to mature age being Jacob, John and William Closs and Mrs. Peter Holthouse. Mrs. Niblick was a devoted wife and mother, and an earnest Christian lady, being a member of the St. Mary's Catholic church, from which place the funeral will be held Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock, with solemn high mass by the Rev. H. Theo Wilken, assisted by Rev. Flaherty and other ministers. Interment will take place in St. Joseph cemetery.