

Mrs. Christena Niblick Expires

Prominent Decatur Woman Dies Suddenly Shortly Before Noon

Mrs. Christena R. Niblick, 67, to dozens of younger people of this vicinity, "Aunt Tena," died suddenly about 11 o'clock this morning. She was found at 11:10 o'clock by her son, Jesse G. Niblick, who had been away from the house less than an hour.

During the morning, Mrs. Niblick and son had been busy around the house and, shortly after 10 o'clock, Jesse went up town to buy some provisions, returning within an hour. When he entered the house, he listened as was his habit during the past year since his mother has been ill and, not hearing her, called. Receiving no response, he hurried through the house and, discovering the kitchen and basement doors open, hurried to the basement where he found his mother's body. She had evidently been sweeping the coal dust up when the attack came on and had fallen. There was no signs of a struggle and death evidently came instantaneously.

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Mr. Niblick hurried upstairs, called his aunt, Mrs. Amelia Niblick, and then called to Judge J. T. Merryman, who was passing and who helped carry the body upstairs. A physician was summoned, but life had been extinct several minutes.

Mrs. Niblick had been in declining health for a year or more, suffering from an angina heart, but recently had felt much better and for two or three weeks had not taken any medicine. Her death was a shock to her son and other relatives and to hundreds of friends, for Mrs. Niblick was one of the most popular ladies in this city.

Christena R. Miller Niblick, was born in this city, October 6, 1860, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Miller. She was reared in Decatur and on November 7, 1883, was married to William H. Niblick. Mr. Niblick died in November, 1906. On son, Jesse G., survives. Three brothers, John, Peter and Nicholas Miller, and one sister, Mrs. Brink of Fort Wayne have all died during the past few years.

Mrs. Niblick was a woman of splendid qualities, always cheerful and always helpful. One of her greatest delights was to entertain children at holiday time and her guests included those of every rank, rich and poor alike. She was a faithful member of St. Mary's Catholic church and funeral services will be held there, probably Friday morning, although arrangements had not been completed this afternoon.