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### At Rest - A Life of Usefulness Brought to a Close

On last Sunday evening near 11 o'clock, Jesse Niblick passed away, after about four days of sickness caused by catarrh of the head.

The deceased was born in Carroll county, Ohio, August the 12, 1826. At the age of 10 years his parents moved to Adams county, when this was a wilderness, where he lived with his parents on the farm in section six, of Washington township, where he lived until 1846, when he moved to Decatur where he resided until death claimed him. Where here he first engaged in the boot and shoe business, and then afterwards in the dry goods business, which he continued until his death.

In the year of 1871, in connection with J. D. Nuttman, of Fort Wayne, started what is now the Old Adams County Bank, of which he was the first president, and afterwards filled other positions in the same institution. During all his busy life he was honored with different offices by his friends. In 1848 he was elected clerk of Washington township, which office he held until the same was abolished. He was then elected trustee of the same township and filled that office until 1865, when he was elected treasurer of the county, which office he filled two terms since which time he has held various offices in the town and city of Decatur.

October 16, 1851, he was married to Catharine Closs, a daughter of John Closs, who was then a resident of this place. To them was born eight children. Seven of who are living, John, William, James, Mary, Amelia, Charlie and Daniel, all of who are living within the city and were present at his death.

His life was a busy one, always ready to help by council or any other way, all who came to him in time of need. No enterprise that he found worth was allowed to pass by without his assistance. The stranger who came to our city, could always find in him one to be trusted.

In his death the city and county loses one of the best and most trusted citizens. While time will dispel the gloom that has settled upon our city by his death, yet his good traits will remain with our people.

His funeral was held Wednesday forenoon, leaving the family residence at 10 o'clock, the services were held at the St. Mary's Catholic church, with the largest concourse of people following that ever was witnessed in this city. The following pall-bearers attended: David Studabaker, Robert B. Allison, John Meibers, Conrad Brake, Ezra Lister, and John Schoen, who bore his remains to the St. Mary's Catholic church, where a glowing tribute was paid to him by Father Wilken from the following text: "And he

died in a good age, full of days, and riches, and glory." -Paralipsmens (sic), chap. 29, verse 28.

The ceremonies were conducted by Rev. H. Theo Wilkens, of Decatur, celebrant, Rev. Fred Von Schwedler, of Monroeville, deacon, Rev. F. H. Hiller, sub-deacon, Rev. Ferd Kordt, of Sheldon, master of ceremonies, and Rev. Court Mojoy, of Portland. After which his remains were taken to the new Catholic cemetery and laid to rest. The floral tributes were many and beautiful, coming from loving hearts.

Father Wilken says: He was a support to the St. Mary Catholic church from the beginning until death, on one of the best supporters. He asked for admission into the Catholic church personally. The St. Marys Catholic church will never forget what he has done for her. Peace be to his ashes."

The following person from abroad attended the funeral: Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Oppenheim, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Al Oppenheim. Mrs. and Mrs. Jas. T. Dailey, of Bluffton; Mrs Nettie Shorb, Mrs. Mary J. Young, Van Wert, Ohio; Messrs. Sol Bash, C. S. Bash, Dick Townsend, Fort Wayne; Mrs. A. B. Morrison, Marion, Ind.; Mr. Jno Eiting, Minster, Ohio.

Card of thanks

We desire to return our heartfelt thanks to our friends and acquaintances for their kindness and sympathy during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father.

Mrs. Jesse Niblick and Family