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## JOSEPHINE THOMAS IS TAKEN BY DEATH

### 91-Year-Old Lady Dies Last Evening

Mrs. Josephine Thomas, 91, life-long resident of Adams county, died at 5:30 o'clock Wednesday evening at her home on Mud Pike, south of Decatur. Although she had been in failing health for some time, her death was unexpected.

She was born in Adams County April 10, 1862, a daughter of Anthony and Mary Louise Kurber-Spuller, and was married to Mathias Thomas Oct. 25, 1894. Mr. Thomas preceded her in death in 1945.

Mrs. Thomas was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic church and the Rosary society.

Surviving are four daughters, Sr. M. Hildegard, with the Sisters of St. Agnes at Hays, Kan., Mrs. Francis Costello of Decatur, Mrs. James Noel of Rome City and Miss Helen Thomas at home; two grandsons, Thomas Costello, with the armed forces in Germany, and Joseph Costello, Decatur, and one sister, Sr. M. Frederica, Fond du Lac, Wis. One son, Clement, is deceased.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday at St Mary's Catholic church, the Very Rev. Msgr J. J. Seimetz officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. The body will be removed from the Gillig & Doan funeral home to the residence, where friends may call after 7 o'clock this evening until time of the services. The Rosary society will meet at the residence at 8 p.m. Friday, following church services.