

TO ETERNAL WORLD

Jacob Hart, Pioneer, Has Answered the Call of The Grim Reaper

DIED LAST NIGHT

He Lived More Than Eighty-Six Years

Was A Noble Man

After a long career of usefulness in the business and social world during the closing chapter of which his tottering form had been subjected to the many ailments which usually accompany senility, Jacob S. Hart, whose life of eighty-six years, nine months and fifteen days has been one of nobility, last night at ten-forty o'clock responded to the call of the angel of death and his spirit returned to whence it came. Though ailing for years, this venerable gentleman has uncomplainingly withstood the ravages of a complications of diseases. Though decidedly feeble during the past few years he has managed to walk about, converse with his friends and enjoy as best he could life which was gradually withdrawing from his being. Mr. Hart had suffered impaired hearing for several years, but in conversation he was entertaining and educating. His memory of Decatur's early history was such as to deeply concern any who might have been an auditor when he was delineating the characteristics of early Decatur. Mr. Hart was a good man; he was conscientious and in him innumerable Decatur people have found a good and loyal friend. His companionship will be sadly missed by those with whom he came in contact. Born in Pennsylvania, the decedent in boyhood went to Ashland County, Ohio where he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Krick. A short time subsequent to their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Hart came to Adams County and settled on a farm west of this city, this being more than sixty-two years ago. After remaining on the farm for about five years, they came to Decatur and Mr. Hart engaged in the saw mill business with Thomas Mickle as his partner. Subsequently, he and a Mr. Nuttman purchased the now Heckman flour mill which they operated for several years. He was also identified with the brick moulding business for some time and later he erected the Monroe Street flour mill, located near the G. R. & I. Railroad, which he conducted for about fifteen years with profit. At the expiration of that length of time old age caused his retirement from activity and he has since been retired. The deceased has not enjoyed good health for some time. About twelve years ago he suffered a serious siege of la grippe and since that time he has been troubled by a bad cough. He has gradually declined and one week ago became suddenly worse. He realized death was inevitable and last night passed into eternity peacefully. Besides a large following of loving, sincere friends, the following children survive to mourn the departure of a kind and devoted father: Henry H. Hart, Maywood, Ill.; Jesse Hart, Pontiac, Mich.; Harvey Hart, Carlton, Mo.; Mesdames Mary Bremerkamp and Benjamin Rice (sic) of this city. Mr. Hart is the last of a family of nine children to pass into the eternal world. The funeral services will be held from the M. E. Church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the body will be laid to rest in the Decatur cemetery.

Rev. John C. White, of Logansport, Ind., former pastor of the Methodist church here, will have charge of the services.