

OBITUARY

Noah Merica was born in Champaigne county, Ohio, November 18, 1833, died at Decatur, Ind, April 2, 1907, aged 73 years 4 months and 15 days. He was married to Annis Wood February 15, 1854, and to this union was born six children, four girls and two boys. One daughter has preceded him to the glory world, leaving to mourn, three daughter, two sons, two brothers and one sisters. He was a kind and loving husband and father, and a devoted christian, having united with the United Brethren church about forty-three years ago, and has never lost his faith in God through all his illness. He was always praying that God's will be done and his last hours were his happiest ones. He volunteered in 1864 and served our country faithfully until the close of the war and returned home with an honorable discharge. He moved to Decatur in 1887 and lived there until his death, and by kindness and honest dealing has made many friends who mourn his departure.

When we leave this world of changes,

When we leave this world of care,

We shall find our missing loved ones

In our Father's mansions fair.

Call not back the dear departed,

Anchored safe where storms are o'er,

One the border land we left them

Soon to meet and part no more.

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DEATH RELIEVES - Sufferings of Noah Merica are Over - Was A Well Known Citizen - Died at Seven O'clock Last Evening, Aged Seventy-three Funeral Thursday Afternoon.

Noah Merica, aged seventy-three years, a pioneer and one of the known men of this city and county, died at seven o'clock last evening, after an illness of more than six months' duration. For several years he has been in rather poor health and unable to perform labor to any extent, suffering from a complication of diseases and his death last evening was a relief to his many days of suffering. Patiently he bore the pains of disease, always trusting in God and praying earnestly for relief. He was resigned to the fact that it was the Lord's will. He was an honest citizen and a splendid neighbor, whose presence among us will be sadly missed. The funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Evangelical church, funeral cortege to leave the home at 1:30.

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