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(Photo with caption: Martin Miller, retired hardware merchant, was found dead on the front porch of his home in this city this afternoon)

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#### Retired Hardware Merchant is Found Dead This Afternoon

Martin Miller, 75, retired Decatur hardware merchant, was found dead this afternoon about 2 o'clock in the swing on the front porch of his home, 825 West Monroe street.

The physician, who was summoned after his body had been found, stated death was likely caused by heart trouble and complications. He had been ill over an extended period.

His wife found Mr. Miller on the front porch and thinking that he was sleeping threw a cover over him. About 2 o'clock she returned to find him dead. The doctor placed the time of death at about 1 p.m.

Mr. Miller, one of the city's most highly respected citizens was a devout member of the Zion Reformed church. For a number of years he was an active member of the Knights of Pythias lodge. He was a stockholder in the Lee Hardware company here for a number of years until his retirement. He was a native of Preble township. He was born on a farm there February 4, 1864, the son of Adam and Mary Dix-Miller. He was married to Louisa Borne on February 12, 1888. They commemorated their golden wedding anniversary last year.

Surviving besides the widow, are two sons, Edward J., local grocer of this city, and Elmer Miller of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Mrs. Walter Deitsch of this city, and a sister, Mrs. William Beineke, also of Decatur. Two sons, George and Ralph Miller, are deceased. Four grandchildren: Mrs. Homer Barton, Mrs. Harold Murphy, Marjorie Miller and Robert Deitsch and two great-grandchildren, also survive.

Funeral services have not been arranged.