

Monday, March 9, 1942

Prominent Decatur Lady Dies Sunday Samantha Nichols is Taken by Death

Mrs. Samantha Hower-Nichols, 82, prominently known Decatur lady, died Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Adams County Memorial Hospital following an illness of one year.

Mrs. Nichols' death was attributed to senility and complications. She had been in failing health for seven weeks. She was born in Root Township October 11, 1859, the daughter of Martin and Sarah Archbold-Hower.

Mrs. Nichols had resided in and near the city her entire life. She was an active and faithful worker in the First Methodist Church. Her husband, Ferdinand Nichols preceded her in death on October 2, 1932.

Surviving are a son, Alva Nichols, local shoe store proprietor; a daughter, Mrs. Nellie Spahr of Detroit; four grandchildren, four great grandchildren, the following brothers and sisters: Dallas M. Hower and Mrs. John T. Myers of Decatur, Mrs. D. W. Beery and Mrs. D. J. Harkless of Fort Wayne, Rev. D. I. Hower of Des Moines, Iowa and D. E. Hower of Muskegon, Michigan. One son, Clyde is deceased. Coincidentally, her father died 70 years ago on March 8.

Funeral services will be held at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the First Methodist Church, with Rev. R. W. Graham officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur Cemetery.

The body was taken to the Zwick Funeral Home, where it will remain until time for services. It may be viewed there after 7 o'clock tonight.

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