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Benj. Pillars Expires Today

Civil War Veteran Dies at Home in This City; Wife Died Recently

Benjamin Pillars, 80, civil war veteran and well-known citizen of Decatur, died at this home, 103 South Seventh street, at 1 o'clock this afternoon, following an illness of several weeks. Death was said to be due to infirmities. Mrs. Pillars preceded her husband in death less than three weeks ago.

Benjamin Pillars was born in Adams country near Decatur, October 31, 1845. He spent his early years in and near this city. He enlisted in the Eleventh Indiana Calvary, Company C, at the opening of the Civil war and fought valiantly for the Union during the war. At the close of the war, Mr. Pillars returned to this county.

In Jun, 1870, Mr. Pillars and Miss Mana Miller were united in marriage. To this union, one child, Charles, was born. He preceded the father in death several years ago. In April 1898, Mr. Pillars was married to Mrs. Mary J. McConnehey, who preceded the husband in death less than three weeks ago.

Two sisters and two brothers also preceded Mr. Pillars in death. They were Samson and William Pillars, Mrs. James Harkless and Mrs. J. A. Fonner.

Mr. Pillars was a member of the Decatur United Brethren church, and until his health was impaired, he was a faithful member and earnest worker for his church. He was a member of the G. A. R. for many years.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the United Brethren church and burial will take place at the Decatur cemetery. The Rev. Cecil R. Smith will have charge of the service.