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DEATH TAKES THOMAS RAYL EARLY SUNDAY

Prominent Monroe Citizen, Father of Dr. C.C. Rayl, Succumbs

Thomas Jefferson Rayl, aged 81, prominent Monroe citizen, died at his home in that town at 1 o'clock Sunday morning, following an extended illness. His death occurred one-half hour before Ira Wagner died, robbing Monroe of two elderly and esteemed citizens. Mr. Rayl was a prominent retired farmer.

Mr. Rayl suffered a broken hip five weeks ago. He had visited at a neighbor and while on his way home he fell, causing the fracture. He had been bedfast since and complications which developed resulted in his death. His condition had been serious for several days.

Mr. Rayl had been totally blind for nearly 20 years, but he was able to get around remarkably well. He was born in Tipton county, Ind., a son of William and Mary Rayl, September 7, 1855. He was married to Miss Mary Hunt, of Tipton, Sept. 11, 1880. She preceded on January 11, 1935.

Mr. Rayl moved with his family to Adams county in 1903, settling on a farm southeast of Monroe. He lived there until 18 years ago, when he moved to Monroe.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter, Dr. C. C. Rayl of Decatur, Corydan F. Rayl, of near Monroe, and Miss Sylvia Rayl, at home. Seven grandchildren also survive. One sister survives in Tipton county.

The funeral will be held at the home at 12:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and burial will be in the Decatur cemetery. The funeral services will be strictly private.

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