

Benjamin Rice Dies Early This Morning Lifelong Resident Of City Dies Today

Benjamin J. (Jim) Rice, 80, retired Pennsylvania railroad freight clerk and well known resident of this city, died at the Adams county memorial hospital at 2 o'clock this morning of senility.

Mr. Rice, a descendant of one of the pioneer families in this county, lived his entire life in this city. He was the last survivor of the family of three brothers and six sisters.

More than a half century ago, Mr. Rice operated a livery and bus business in Decatur.

A veteran employe of the Pennsylvania railroad (GR&I), Mr. Rice was employed in the local freight office for nearly 40 years. He retired in 1923 because of ill health.

Mr. Rice was born August 29, 1864, a son of William and Frances Rabbit-Rice. He was married to Miss Ella Spangler of this county, who died on Nov. 9, 1932. Two children, a son and a daughter are also deceased.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home, 237 North Fifth street, with Dr. M. O. Lester, pastor of the First Methodist church, of which Mr. Rice was a member, officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery.

The body will be moved from the Zwick funeral home to the Rice residence at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon and may be viewed until time of the funeral.