

**ADAMS COUNTY PIONEER WOMAN IS DEAD**

**Mrs. W. P. Rice Died Sunday Afternoon After a Long Illness**

(By Kist News Bureau)

DECATUR, Ind., March 8 - Mrs. Frances Rice, aged eighty-six years, widow of William Pendleton Rice, one of the pioneers of the county, died this afternoon at 1:15 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Wherry. Several months ago the deceased became afflicted with paralysis, becoming perfectly helpless. She grew gradually worse and for the past several weeks has been unable to take nourishment. The deceased was formerly Miss Frances Rabbit, and was born in Virginia in 1823, the daughter of Joseph and Hanna Rabbit. When she was nine years old, she came with her parents to Carroll county, Ohio, and in 1837 they all came to Allen County, Ind.

In 1843 she was married to W. P. Rice and they settled on a farm in this county, enduring the hardships and poverty of the pioneer days. They succeeded in amassing a comfortable fortune by their thrift and energy and at the time of his death a few years ago, Mr. Rice was known as one of the wealthiest farmers of the county. Mrs. Rice leaves eight children - Mrs. Elizabeth Wherry, Mrs. Perry Robison, Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. Jeff Bryson, of this city; Mrs. A. E. Hoffman, of Marion; James B. and Joseph, of this city; Ferd, of Hammond.

Mrs. Rice was one of the truly noble women of the county, one of those upon whose industry, pluck and ability the success of the present state of the county rests, and much honor is indeed due her. She also leaves several brothers and sisters and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.