

DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

(Special to the News) Decatur, Ind., Feb. 20

Mrs. Etta Roop, 50 years old, a highly respected and well known resident of Adams county, died at 9:30 o'clock this morning after a five months' illness at her home, seven miles south of Decatur. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Acker, the mother, Mrs. Lavina Acker, still living. Mrs. Roop was for many years a resident in the county and a member of a prominent family. Her husband, Samuel A. Roop, died with Bright's disease January 25. Nine children - Mrs. Viola Smitley and Mrs. Estella Poling, of Decatur; Rufus, Walter, Harry, Daisy, Helen, Leah and Forest, at home - survive, with a sister, Mrs. Albert Hartel, and a brother, Samuel Acker, of Decatur. The funeral services will be held at the home Sunday morning.

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**MRS. S. A. ROOP DIES**

The physical sufferings of Mrs. S. A. Roop terminated in death at her home three miles north of Willshire at 8:30 o'clock Friday morning, February 20, 1920, after suffering continuously for a period of five months, her husband preceding her to the Great Beyond January 25, 1920. Mrs. Roop was 50 years of age, and was one of the best-known and most highly respected ladies in Adams county, Indiana. Her maiden name was Ella (sic) Acker, and she was a member of one of the prominent families of Adams county, her aged mother, Mrs. Laviva (sic) Acker, being numbered among the living. There are also left to mourn because of her departure the nine children - Mrs. Viola Smitley and Mrs. Estella Poling of Decatur; Rufus, Walter, Harry, Daisy, Helen, Leah and Forrest at home; sister, Mrs. Albert Hertle (sic), and brother, Samuel Acker, of Decatur. Funeral services were held from the Roop residence in St. Marys township during Sunday forenoon, and the body was laid to rest in Maplewood cemetery in Decatur.