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Decatur Pioneer is Dead

John E. Smith, Former Coroner of Adams County, Dead.

(Special to the Journal-Gazette)

Decatur, Ind., Aug. 10 - John Edward Smith, aged seventy-seven; who since 1882 has been a resident of the city, is dead at his home on Eighth Street, after a five weeks illness of catarrhal affection of the stomach and bowels.

He was a son of Robert and Maria Smith, born in Lancashire, England in 1833, and coming to this country, setting in Ohio.

He was married to Susannah Andrews, whose death occurred in 1896.

The only son, Arthur, died at the age of six years.

The deceased was a harness maker, retiring several years ago. He was keeper of the Adams County jail in the seventies, and also served as coroner.

J. H. Smith of this city, and Mrs. A. D. Clarkson, of Piqua, Ohio, is his surviving brother and sister.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home. The Rev. Imler officiating.