

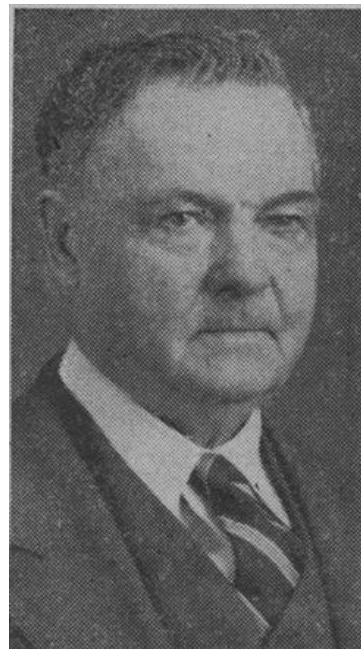
Decatur Daily Democrat

John B. Stoneburner Dies Thursday Night

'City's First Movie Proprietor is Dead'

John B. Stoneburner, 85, retired farmer, owner of Decatur's first moving picture theater, and former Washington township trustee, died at 11:15 o'clock Thursday night [12/29/1955] at the Adams county memorial hospital. He had been in failing health for the past four years.

Mr. Stoneburner opened this city's first motion picture theater in 1905, in fact one of the first such houses of entertainment in the country, and operated a theater here for a number of years. He served two terms as Washington township trustee from 1943 to 1951.



John B. Stoneburner

Born in Washington township March 20, 1870, he was a son of Israel and Catherine Weldy-Stoneburner. He was married to Mary E. Barnett April 17, 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Stoneburner resided on a farm two miles west and one mile north of Monroe. Mr. Stoneburner was a member of the Monroe Methodist church, was a 50-year member of the Masonic lodge and a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

His wife is the only near survivor. One daughter, Mrs. Louva Waltz, died in 1942, and four sisters and four brothers also preceded him in death.

The body was removed to the Zwick funeral home, where friends may call after 7 o'clock this evening until 1 p.m. Sunday after which it will lie in state at the Monroe Methodist church. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the church, the Rev. Ralph Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery.

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IN MEMORY OF
JOHN B. STONEBURNER
BORN
MARCH 20, 1870
DATE OF DEATH
DECEMBER 29, 1955
SERVICES FROM
MONROE METHODIST CHURCH
CLERGYMAN OFFICIATING
REV. RALPH R. JOHNSON
FINAL RESTING PLACE
DECATUR CEMETERY
FUNERAL CONDUCTED BY
ZWICK FUNERAL HOME