

## **The Decatur Democrat, Adams Co, IN; Friday, February 16, 1894**

Eli Zimmerman was born in Washington Township, Adams county, Indiana, October 23, 1842, and died February 10, 1894, age 51 years, 3 months, and 19 days. He was the son of Eli and Polly Zimmerman, the father was born near Harper's Ferry, Maryland. Eli Zimmerman was reared amid pioneer scenes on his father's farm, and on the one which he lived and died. His education was received in our Public schools at which in those days consisted of only a few months in the year. His landed estate in Washington township consisted of about 1000 acres of choice land. He was married to Miss Melinda Dryer, a native of Pennsylvania in 1867, and to them were born three children, - two of them now living, George and Isaac.

The funeral services were held in the M. E. church of our city, and were conducted by Rev. H. H. Smith of the Baptist church, assisted by Rev. E. T. Gregg, of the M. E. church; Sam Henry Post of our city, of which the deceased was a member performing their part of the services at the close.

While the weather was the most inclement that could be expected, caused by the greatest snow-storm ever witnessed in Decatur by the oldest inhabitant, the church was filled with friends and relatives of the deceased, and seldom, if ever, was there a greater attendance of all the professions and avocations of our city than on this occasion.

The immediate relatives of the deceased and the pall-bearers from Sam Henry Post accompanied the remains to Maple Wood Cemetery where they were laid to rest, mourned by a large circle of friends and relatives.