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W.C. Meloy Obituary: November 4, 1938

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"W. C. MELOY DIES OF HEART AILMENT HERE

"Pioneer of Moving Picture Business
Dies Suddenly at Residence

"W. C. Meloy, 75, pioneer in the moving picture business Indiana and one of Shelbyville's most widely known residents, died Friday afternoon at his home, 518 south Harrison street. He had been ill since the first of the year, suffering from a heart ailment. He passed away about 2:30 p.m. His death came suddenly and was due to a heart attack.

"Mr. Meloy was a lifelong resident of the county and was closely connected with civic affairs here for many years before his retirement a few years ago.

"The son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Hacker) Meloy, he was born January 19, 1863. He had lived in Shelbyville the past forty-one years.

"His business career began at Smithland, where he operated a sawmill. When he came to Shelbyville he operated a livery business for several years and then went into the contracting business with Ed Porter, under the firm name of Meloy & Porter. The firm developed several new additions to Shelbyville during its existence.

"In 1916 Mr. Meloy founded the Strand theatre here and the business was extended several years ago when he purchased the Alhambra theatre.

"He was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Stewart on December 31, 1885, and the widow survives with three sons, Earl S., of Highland, Ill.; Paul H. and Joe B. Meloy, of this city; two grandsons, three granddaughters and four brothers, Fred Meloy, of northeast of this city; Frank, of Ohio; Thomas and John, of this city. A daughter, Mrs. Edna Neimeyer, died two years ago.

"Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 2:00 p.m. at the late home, with Dr. C.A. Bowler, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. Walter P. Halbert, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Burial will be in Forest Hill cemetery in charge of Ralph J. Edwards, funeral director.

"He was a member of the Elks and Red Men lodges and of the Smithland Baptist church."

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