

Cynthiana Democrat - November 6, 1958

**Joe Desha Whiteker**

Joe Desha Whiteker, 75, livestockman, tobacconist and farmer of Parkland Heights, died at 6:55 p. m., Friday, Oct. 31, 1958, at Harrison Memorial Hospital following an illness of a week.

Born Oct. 12, 1883, at Sunrise, he was a son of the late B. F. and Amanda King Whiteker and married Miss Mollie Arnold Oct. 23, 1912. He was a member of Richland Baptist Church and Cynthiana Lodge No. 127, IOOF.

Survivors besides his wife are: 4 sons, Kevil, Louis R. and Fred Desha Whiteker, all of Cynthiana, and McElwyn Whiteker, Lexington; 3 daughters, Mrs. Robert Bramel, Covington, Mrs. Carlos Mullin, Harrison County, and Mrs. James C. Jennings, Cynthiana; a brother, Eureka Whiteker, Cynthiana; and 2 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at Smith-Rees Funeral Home by Rev. P. E. Claybrook and Rev. Frank C. King. Burial was in Battle Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers selected were: Clarence Doan, Charles B. Marshall, Roy Peak, Barnett Casey, Herbert Moore and Hal Harp.

Mr. Whiteker was a long-time livestock trader and buyer, having purchased on the Paris, Falmouth, Richmond and Lexington markets in addition to Cynthiana. Until only recently he purchased here for Schlachter & Sons Co., Cincinnati meat packers. He was a third-owner of the Falmouth Stockyards.

For many years he was a tobacco speculator and order buyer. Last year he was a member of the sales personnel of the Harrison Tobacco Warehouse, and he had planned to be with the same firm again this sales season. Mr. Whiteker was considered an expert judge of tobacco and livestock as well as being an excellent farmer.