

**Joseph F. Purcell Sr.**  
**Jan. 13, 1872 - January 21, 1962**

**Joseph Purcell — Succumbs at 90, Remained Spirited Despite Affliction**

A son of early Irish settlers from Dublin, Ireland, Joseph F. Purcell, 90, died at 11:30 Saturday night in his home at 825 17th avenue.

He had been bedfast 24 years, crippled from an arthritic condition. For the past 13 years he had been blind. Despite his afflictions, Mr. Purcell remained spirited and never complained.

He was born in Washington Township on Jan. 13, 1872, the son of Patrick and Johanna Whalen Purcell. He attended Washington schools. On Nov. 5, 1913, he was married in Argyle to Anna Gavigan. They farmed in Washington Township until March 16, 1938, when poor health forced him to retire. A year later, he was in a wheel chair.

Mr. Purcell was a lifelong member of St. Victor's Catholic church.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Joseph and Francis, both at home; and a daughter, Mary, Denver.

He was the last of his family, having been preceded in death by four brothers, Patrick, William, Michael and James, and two sisters, Mrs. Jacob Flanigan and Miss Anna Purcell, all of Argyle. Joseph and Patrick were twin brothers.

Services will be held Wednesday 9 a.m. in the Stuessy funeral home and at 9:30 in St. Victor's Catholic church. Rev. E. C. McCollow will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 3 p.m. tomorrow. The Rosary service will be at 8 Tuesday night in the funeral home.