

## AN OLD CITIZEN DIES.

The Death of Mr. James Grillo - A Remarkable Man and Good Citizen Passes Away - He Will be Missed.

It is with sincere and unfeigned regret that we chronicle the death of our esteemed and venerable townsman, Mr. James Grillo, which occurred at his residence in this city at 9:40 o'clock Thursday night. Some time since the deceased had an attack of the grip which developed into pneumonia, and this with possibly other complications, caused his sad demise. Mr. Grillo was a native of Italy, having been born at Perlecci, Sopia la Croce, on July 3d, 1818, and was consequently in the 76th year of his age. He came to Natchez in 1835, and has resided here continuously ever since except for a few years spent in New Orleans. In 1847 he established himself in business here, and speedily built up a reputation for honesty, integrity and fair dealing.

The greatest prosperity attended his efforts, and at the beginning of the war he had amassed considerable of this world's goods, but that disastrous event entailed great losses upon him, as well as on all others in the South, but nothing daunted when hostilities came to an end he began active business with renewed and undaunted energy, securing a sufficient competency to retire during the present year, and lead a life of ease, but alas, he lived but a short time to enjoy it.

Mr. Grillo was a remarkable man in many respects. Up to a few weeks ago he had retained great vigor for a man of his years, and looked as if he would outlive many of the present generation. He was a man of marked individuality of character, and his memory was a perfect encyclopedæ of events and occurrences in and about Natchez. Being of a most observant nature, he could give most of the younger people about the city more information about their ancestry perhaps than they had ever known, and what was most remarkable was his faculty for remembering dates and names, rarely ever being mistaken in either. He could, had he been so disposed, have written a most complete and intensely interesting history of Natchez, because his life had been so interwoven in the progress and growth of the city; and all the events happening in it since 1835. Mr. Grillo's mind was clear and bright up to the very hour of his death.

He was a good citizen and a good man and his familiar figure known to almost every man, woman and child in the city, will be greatly missed, and deeply regretted. He was a loving, devoted husband, and a kind indulgent father. He leaves besides his life-long partner, six children, five girls and one boy, all grown, several grand children, a brother in Calvert, Texas, and two sisters in Italy, to mourn his death, and to these bereaved relatives the DEMOCRAT tenders its heartfelt condolence in their great grief.

The funeral will take place from St. Mary's Cathedral at ten o'clock, this *Saturday Morning.*