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Mrs. Merryman, 89, Succumbs In Sleep

Widow of Decatur's First Mayor Passes

Mrs. Louisa P. Merryman, 89, widow of the late Judge James T. Merryman, died peacefully in her sleep Wednesday night at her home, corner of Marshall and North Second streets. Death was attributed to infirmities.

Born in Willshire, Ohio, December 28, 1858, a daughter of August L. and Eve Albers, Mrs. Merryman came to Decatur with her parents when she was four years old. Her father operated a woolen mill in this city, near the site of what is now the Adams County highway garage.

Educated in the Decatur schools, Mrs. Merryman was married to James T. Merryman on August 29, 1878, who first started his career as a school teacher, deputy county clerk and later was elected the first mayor of Decatur, followed by his election as judge of the Adams Circuit court.

Judge and Mrs. Merryman had been married nearly 66 years when his death occurred on March 23, 1944.

Long prominent in the social and religious life of this community, Mrs. Merryman was a member of the First Methodist church and its society, the Ladies Aid. She was a member of the Research club.

Mrs. Merryman is survived by three children, Charles A. of Clinton, La., Mrs. Don L. Quinn of Oak Park, Ill., and Mrs. Avon Burk of this city. Two children, Iona and Robert, are deceased.

Funeral arrangements will not be completed until after the son's arrival. The body was moved to the Zwick Funeral home.