

## MRS. MORRISON DEATH'S VICTIM

Prominent Decatur Woman Dies This Morning of Heart Trouble

Mrs. Elizabeth Studabaker Morrison, age 76, a member of one of the pioneer and prominent families of this city died at 4:30 o'clock this morning at the Adams County Memorial hospital, following a week's illness of heart trouble.

Mrs. Morrison became ill a week ago today and was removed to the hospital last Friday. Her condition became critical Tuesday and little hope was extended for her recovery. She died peacefully this morning with members of her immediate family at her bedside.

A native of Adams County, Mrs. Morrison was born in Decatur, May 5, 1857, a daughter of the late Judge David and Harriet Studabaker. Her father was a leading banker of this city, a state legislator and judge of the Circuit Court which then comprised Adams, Allen, Huntington and Wells counties.

Mrs. Morrison was graduated from the Decatur high school, and in 1885 was married to Ambrose Bryson Morrison. Her husband was a banker and at the time of his death in 1896, was cashier of the Citizens Bank, Marion, Indiana. For several years Mrs. Morrison resided in California and Mexico, where she looked after business interests. She always considered Decatur her home and maintained a residence here during the time she was absent from the city.

Gifted with fine talents and the graces of womanhood, Mrs. Morrison was benevolent in nature and zealous to contribute of her financial means and the business acumen in aiding her community and assisting others. She was one of the first persons to start the movement and create sentiment here for the securing and building of the Decatur Public Library.

When realization of the effort to obtain a donation from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation seemed remote because local funds could not be raised to purchase a site, Mrs. Morrison and her sisters became the principal donors to the fund and in a short time Decatur had the library.

Mrs. Morrison served as first president of the Library Board and was instrumental in seeing that many of the features in the building and advantages now enjoyed by readers were inaugurated.

Mrs. Morrison was also one of the charter members of the Ladies Shakespeare Club. Many of the interesting programs enjoyed by the members were provided by Mrs. Morrison in giving of papers and accounts of her travels through the country. Mrs. Morrison was also a member of the Decatur Woman's club and the Indiana Historical Society.

Two children were born to Mrs. Morrison, David, a son, died when three months old. Mrs. Harriet Morrison Wallace, a daughter, died in 1917.

Surviving relatives are two sisters, Mrs. Phillip Obenauer and Mrs. John Niblick of this city; two grandchildren, Mrs. James Beatty and Bruce Wallace of Indianapolis and two great grandchildren.

The body will be removed to the Morrison home, 418 South Jefferson street this evening and may be viewed by friends until Saturday noon.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at the home with the Rev. George Walton, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Morrison was a member, officiating. Burial will be made in Decatur Cemetery.