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Death Claims S. W. Peterson

Prominent Decatur Man is Death's Victim: Bedfast Since Last Thursday

Sylvester W. "Wes" Peterson, 80, well known Decatur man died at the home of his son, Charles Peterson, 521 Penn Street, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Death was caused by kidney trouble and a complication of ailments. Mr. Peterson suffered two strokes of paralysis in the last two years, but was not paralyzed at the time of his death.

He was bedfast since last Thursday. Mr. Peterson resided with his two sons, Frank and Charles for the past two years.

The deceased was janitor of the post office until two years ago when he retired. Prior to that he taught school in Adams County, many years ago, was a hay dealer, railroader, contractor and at one time was City Councilman. He was always prominent as Republican politics of the county.

He was born in St. Mary's Township October 5, 1851, the son of John W. and Hanna Smith-Peterson. He was united in marriage to Eliza J. Blossom on October 27, 1870. She preceded him in death two years ago.

Surviving are 4 children, Mrs. Leuretta Whitman, Decatur; Robert S. Peterson, Fort Wayne; Frank S. and Charles A. Peterson of this city; 17 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. One son, Clay, preceded his father in death.

The deceased spent the greater part of his life in this city and Adams County.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Charles Peterson home and at 2:30 o'clock at the Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. E. H. Franklin, pastor, officiating. Burial will be held in the Decatur Cemetery.