

Adams County Historical Museum, 1937 Scrapbook w/ handwritten date of 1937

BERNE MAN'S SISTER DIES

Mrs. Elizabeth Fonner, 67, Dies at Decatur Hospital

DECATUR, (Monday) April 12 - Mrs. Elizabeth Fonner, 67, wife of Willis A. Fonner and well known Decatur lady died suddenly Thursday night at 10:20 o'clock at the Adams county memorial hospital. Death was caused by pneumonia and complications.

She was taken to the hospital two days previous to her death after suffering for about a week with an attack of bronchitis. Mr. Fonner is also confined to his home with bronchitis.

The deceased was born in Adams County January 10, 1870, the daughter of Samuel and Susan Abnet Rawley. She had spent practically all of her life in the county, with the exception of a few years in Ft. Wayne.

She was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church and the Mary and Martha Sunday School class.

Surviving besides the husband, are the following children: Mrs. C. E. Bennett, Fort Wayne; Heber Fonner of Evansville; Sherman L., at home; and Thomas R. of Fort Wayne. Seven grandchildren also survive.

A brother, William Rawley, of Berne; two sisters, Mrs. William Eley, Barkley, Maryland, and Mrs. W. A. Colter of Willshire, Ohio, also survive. A brother, Frank, preceded her in death.

The deceased, until the time of her illness, was a prominent church and social worker in the city.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home and at 2:30 at the M. E. Church with the Rev. H. R. Carson officiating. Burial was made in Decatur Cemetery.

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