

Adams County (IN) Historical Museum, 1939 Scrapbook

(Handwritten date: Died, Friday, March 31, 1939 - age 66 years)

PHYSICIAN DEAD

(Photo) with caption - Dr. John C. Grandstaff, prominent Adams county physician, died today at his home in Preble.

Mon. April 3, 1939

Dr. Grandstaff Dies Suddenly

Former Adams County Coroner Dies at Home in Preble

Dr. John Curtis Grandstaff, 66, prominent Adams county physician, died shortly before 1:00 Friday afternoon at his home in Preble of a heart ailment.

Dr. Grandstaff had been very active in medical circles in this county, having served both as county coroner and county health officer.

He was born in Root township, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel and Catherine Dutcher-Grandstaff. He taught in Adams county schools for five years and then, desiring to practice medicine, entered the office of Dr. J.L. Smith at Hoagland. He graduated at the Electric Medical College at Cincinnati, O., in 1889. He started practice at Hoagland and in 1901 moved to Preble, where he had maintained an office since that time.

His first marriage was to Miss Lillie Flemming, who died March 8, 1897. In 1899 he was married to Miss Ethel Mann, who survives.

He was a member of the Adams County Medical society and the Indiana Medical society. He was a member of the Masonic and Red Men's lodges of this city.

Surviving beside the widow are three sons, Dr. Floyd Grandstaff of Decatur, present county health officer; Gerald, northwest of Decatur, and Francis of Texas; one sister, Mrs. Doris Schieferstine of Monmouth, and nine grandchildren. One son, Curits, died four years ago.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Decatur M.E. Church, conducted by Rev. Robert Yunker, pastor of the Beulah Chapel M.E. church of which Dr. Grandstaff was an active member.

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