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(Photo of Clark Lutz) Clark J. Lutz, veteran member of the Adams county bar association, died at the Adams county memorial hospital this morning. In poor health for several years, his condition became serious last week, when he underwent an operation Friday.

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CLARK LUTZ SUCCUMBS AT DECATUR TODAY Prominent Attorney Dies at Hospital Following Operation

Clark J. Lutz, aged 76, passed away this morning at 10:23 at the Adams County Memorial hospital, Decatur. Mr. Lutz had been in ill health for a number of months. He was compelled to undergo an operation for gallstones last Friday followed by a second operation Friday night. He appeared to rally from the strains of these two operations Saturday and Sunday, however Sunday evening he suffered a relapse and complications set in as a result of which death came this morning.

For more than a half a century Mr. Lutz was prominent in Adams county in legal, civic, fraternal and church organizations. He could always be depended upon to do his part faithfully. He was a member of the Adams County Bar Association, the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, various fraternal organizations, and one of the pillars of the Decatur Presbyterian church. For many years he was elder in this church and for an extended period of time he was moderator of the Fort Wayne Presbytery. Through this latter connection he gained state-wide recognition as a leader in church circles.

Judge J. T. Merryman this morning called a meeting of the Adams County Bar Asso. for Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, at which time committees will be appointed to draw up resolutions of respect and to make the arrangements for a special bar meeting in the court room prior to funeral services in which meeting the bar associations of neighboring counties will be invited to participate.

Mr. Lutz was born March 14, 1862, in Williamsport, Allen County, Ind., a son of Samuel and Marie Lichtenwater Lutz. When but a boy he, with his parents, came to Adams county. He received his education in the Decatur public school and high school. A number of years he spent as a merchant. He began to study law and served a two-year apprenticeship reading law with the firm of France and Merryman. In 1885 he was admitted to the Adams County Bar Association and has been (break in article)...State of Indiana during a short time at the local Peoples State Bank and was holding this position for The Old Adams County Bank and the Peoples Loan and Trust Co. when he passed away.

He was married to Miss Anna M. Lewis on October 14, 1886, Mrs. Lutz preceding him in death June 14, 1917. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Fred Smith, and one foster daughter, Rowina Holthouse, both of Decatur. He is also survived by two brothers, William Lutz of Poe, and Cash Lutz of Decatur.

Funeral services will be held at the Fred Smith home on North Third St., Decatur, Ind., at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon and at three o'clock at the Decatur Presbyterian church.

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