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VETERAN DOCTOR TAKEN BY DEATH

Dr. Philip B. Thomas Dies at Home Here Wednesday Night

Dr. Philip B. Thomas, 79, a leading physician in this community for 50 years and retired for the last four or five years, died at 10 o'clock last night of a heart attack at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Carrie Thomas-Haubold, on South Third Street.

Dr. Thomas had been in poor health since suffering a stroke, June 21. The hot weather of last week aggravated his condition and he had been seriously ill since.

Dr. Thomas began practicing medicine in Decatur when the only means of travel was by horseback, with his supplies in saddle bags. Later he used a two wheel cart and sleigh, then a horse and buggy. In his early years he many times was forced to remain at the home of patients over night when travel was impossible because of blizzards and bad roads.

In recent years he had been a friend and a counselor to many of the younger practicing physicians and was universally respected.

The following year he moved to Berne, where he began the practice of medicine and where his first child, Mrs. Haubold, was born March 25, 1886. The next year he returned to Decatur where he had resided since. The second child, Philip B (cut off) (more from scan 0047)...March 13, 1901. He practiced medicine in Decatur for a half century. A few years ago he moved his office from Second street to his home, where he continued his practice to a few old friends.

PIONEER FAMILY

He came from a pioneer American family. His father fought in the Civil War, his grandfather in the War of 1812, and his great grandfather in the Revolutionary War.

He was an active member of the Methodist church. Politically, he was a staunch Republican all of his life.

Mr. Thomas was interested in civic affairs and public health. For a number of years he served as a member and secretary of the city board of health.

Surviving are the daughter, Mrs. Haubold; the son, Mr. Thomas; one sister, Mrs. George Horn of Greenville, Ohio; five grandchildren, Helen, Tom and Louise Haubold, and Philip Bryce and Daniel Charles Thomas, all of this city. He was a cousin of Dr. Harry Thomas, formerly of near Greenville, Ohio, who is the father of ?owell Thomas, noted radio commentator. Eight brothers and sisters preceded him in death. His wife died April 8, 1922.

Funeral services are to be held at the home at 228 South Third street, Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery. The Rev. Ralph ??ldo Graham, pastor of the Decatur Methodist church, will officiate.

The body will be returned from the Zwick funeral home late this afternoon and may be viewed at the Haubold residence from 7:30 o'clock this evening until the time of the funeral.