

CHARLES L. GAUNT, 74, former president of Indiana Glass Company at Dunkirk and a prominent citizen of that community and Jay County throughout his lifetime, died at the Jay County Hospital at Portland Thursday morning.

Death was attributed to a heart seizure. Mr. Gaunt was admitted to the hospital only 10 days ago.

A native of Knox Twp. Mr. Gaunt had served the Dunkirk community in nearly every important business, educational and governmental post. As a youth, he attended the Dunkirk schools and latter (sic) he received a teaching license from Marion College. He served as a teacher and later as principal of Dunkirk High School before resigning in 1909 to take a position with Indiana Glass Company. He worked his way from his first position as bookkeeper to paymaster, treasurer, vice-president and, on Frank W. Merry's death in 1931, to president. He held that position until his retirement in 1956.

At the time of his death, he was a member of the board of directors of the Indiana Glass Company, a member of the board of directors of the Dunkirk IOOF Cemetery and a lifetime member of the board of trustees of the Dunkirk Congregational Christian Church. His work with the Dunkirk glass company and in the schools in that city was paralleled by a long record of civic service in the Crown City community.

In his earlier years, he served as a Dunkirk city councilman and later served two terms as mayor of Dunkirk. He served four terms as a member of the school board. In 1954 he was honored as one of Jay County's outstanding citizens at the annual Jay County Achievement Banquet held at Portland.

He was a member of the Columbia Club of Indianapolis, the Portland IOOF Lodge, the Dunkirk B.P.O.E. Lodge No. 1776, the Dunkirk Lions Club and the Congregational Christian Church.

A native of Knox Twp., he was the son of David G. and Martha (Hartman) Gaunt.

Survivors include the widow, Bertha W. (Wilson) Gaunt; a daughter, Mrs. Carleton Hart of North Philadelphia, Pa.; eight grandchildren; four brothers, Joseph H. Gaunt of Portland, Floyd and Myron Gaunt of Anderson, and Orlan Gaunt of Dunkirk; and one sister, Miss Edith Gaunt of Dunkirk. Another daughter, Treva Gaunt Caldwell, died in 1943.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Congregational Christian Church at 1:30 p.m. Saturday with Rev. Guy Walter presiding. Burial will be in the Dunkirk IOOF Cemetery. The body will be returned to the Gaunt residence at 10 a.m. Friday where friends may call until 11:30 a.m. Saturday. At that time, the body will be taken to the Congregational church to lie in state for one hour prior to services.