



JUDGE HORACE LINCOLN HANNA

Judge Horace Hanna Is Buried Here On Saturday

Funeral rites were conducted Saturday afternoon from the Hall Mortuary for Judge Horace L. Hanna, age 78 years, who died Thursday afternoon at the Methodist Hospital where he was taken Wednesday afternoon. He became ill right after his lunch on Wednesday and was hurried to the Indianapolis hospital, from Danville.

Mr. Hanna who was serving his third, six year term of Hendricks Circuit Court was born in Greencastle, April 1, 1874, the son of Hon. John and Emmeline Hanna. He spent most of his life in Hendricks county. Mr. Hanna was the last of his family. His father served as a member of Congress and was an elector of Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Hanna attended DePauw University where he was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity and following his law education he began his practice of law in Plainfield and had a law office here for a number of years. He served as Plainfield town attorney and at other towns in the county and at Speedway in Marion County.

Judge Hanna was a staunch Republican and had served in both branches of the Indiana Assembly. He had also served as county attorney.

In 1942 he was elected Judge of Hendricks Circuit Court and was filling his third term at the time of his death. He was active in all the community affairs. He was a member of the Plainfield Methodist Church, a past president of the Lion's club, a member of the Plainfield Masonic Lodge and the Scottish Rite and Shrine. A member of the Knights of Pythias and last year received the fifty year pin. He was also a member of the Tribunal of K. of P. He was a member of the

County and State Bar Association, also the State Judges Association. The judge had been active in Scout work for a number of years and was chairman emeritus of the Advancement Committee. He held the Boy Scouts Silver Beaver award.

Services were conducted Saturday by the Rev. O. P. Manker, pastor of the Methodist Church assisted by Rev. F. J. Beisel. Otis Gully, oldest attorney of the county and Judge Earl Cox, Indianapolis paid tribute to Judge Hanna.

Graveside services were conducted by members of the local Masonic Lodge with ritual being given by Lloyd Young. Pall bearers were C. W. McClann, Dr. W. C. Stafford, I. J. Pomeroy, Horace Keadley and Frank B. Steek, all of here and George Hadley of Danville. Honorary pallbearers included Judge Earl Cox, Indianapolis, Ernest Bell and George Reitzel, Brownsburg; Henry Clay, George Huber, North Salem; Jack Gambold, C. D. Knight Coatesville; Otis Gully, Gordon Gibbs Danville; William Rosner, Speedway; John Leonard, Clermont; Dr. J. C. Stafford, Virgil Pike and Don Wildey, all of Plainfield. Burial was in Maple Hill.

He is survived by the wife Hortense Moore Hanna, a nephew Frank Hanna, Plainfield. Other nephews surviving are Shurley Hanna, Billings, Mont., Walter Hanna, Reading, Mich., John Hanna Concord, New Hampshire, Clinton Hanna, Pittsburg, Pa., Howard Hanna, Indianapolis, several nieces.

Mrs. Tillman Hadley of Clayton, Mrs. Aaron Laughlin and Mrs. Charles Miller, of Miami, Fla., Mrs. Roland Abbott, Fairbanks, Alaska; Mrs. Irene Young, Ardmore, Pa., Mrs. Eugene Bridgins and Mrs. J. H. Shannon, both of Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanna were married December 23, 1909.

Walter H. Hanna Dies Suddenly At His Home

Walter Hadley (Mark) Hanna, 69, a man prominent in the state of Michigan, died very suddenly at his home, Stanhope farm, 3 miles east and 1 mile north of Reading, Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 the cause of his death being coronary thrombosis. He had lived at Stanhope since 1931.

He was the son of John and Cora Hadley Hanna and was born at Plainfield, Ind., February 14, 1887. It was here that his early life was spent and he was graduated from the Plainfield high school. He furthered his education by attending Purdue University at West Lafayette, Ind., from which he graduated with the class of 1910.

Mr. Hanna was a veteran of World War I and was a member of Wolverine Post No. 360, American Legion. During the world war he was in the service stationed in Detroit. He was a member of the Elks lodge in Hillsdale.

While living in Detroit he met Ida Hutton to whom he was married on September 1, 1924. In 1931 they purchased Stanhope farm from Gwendolyn Reed, daughter of the late Captain Byron L. Reed and together with his father, the late John Hanna, moved to the farm which has been their home ever since. Mr. Hanna's father died four years ago and his mother in 1930.

A state position he held for twelve years was that of efficiency engineer, during which time he was located in Lansing.

Following his graduation from college he went to Benton Harbor where he was with the Baker-Vawton Co.

He is survived by his wife, Ida, and cousins. Also deeply mourning his death are the four children, now grown, whom they took into their home over 30 years ago. They are Emma and Carl Beecher at home on the farm, of which they are now the head, and their two brothers, T/Sgt. Rex G. Beecher, stationed at Forest Park, Ill., and T/Sgt. Robert Kent Beecher, stationed at Chanute Air Force Base, at Rantoul, Ill.

Funeral services will be held at St. Johns funeral chapel in Camden Friday night at 8 o'clock, the Rev. Thomas Peters of the Camden Methodist church officiating, and on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. funeral services will be held at Plainfield, Ind., his former home, where burial will be made.

THE MESSENGER

Jay and Mary

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1930.

\$1.50 PER YEAR

AS. A. Rohbach, Law School Dean Died Saturday

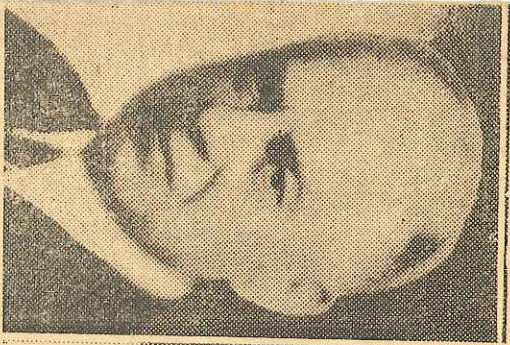
Distinguished Plainfield Resident
Was Victim of Heart Dis-
ease of Long Standing.

FUNERAL WAS TUESDAY

James A. Rohbach, age sixty-
one years, dean of the Indiana
Law School at Indianapolis for
twenty-nine years died early Sat-
urday morning at his home west of
Plainfield. The cause of his death
was heart disease, of long stand-
ing, without warning.

The funeral service was conduct-
ed on Tuesday afternoon at the
residence. Burial was in Crown
Hill cemetery, Indianapolis.

Judge Rohbach, as he was
known to Plainfield people had
been dean of the Indiana Law
School since it was a part of the



JAMES A. ROHBACH

Indianapolis University in
1911. He left the University of
Indiana in 1890 to become a professor

modestations and modest and
had the admiration and good feel-
ing of students and alumni of the
law school." Mr. Kern added that
he had seen the dean last week and
that he was extremely enthusiastic
about the coming year at the law
school since he was assured that
its enrollment this winter would
pass previous records. The school
term will open Sept. 17. The com-
missioner went on to say that the
school had developed much in the
time Rohbach was its dean and
many distinguished attorneys have
been graduated from the school. A
number of Hendricks county law-
yers are either graduates or have
studied at the Indiana Law School.
Many distinguished members of
the Indiana Bar paid their last
respects at the funeral service last
Tuesday.

LOCAL FLOAT WON SECOND IN OLD TRAILS PARADE

The float advertising Ford auto-
mobiles arranged by Mr. Urban
Bowman, Plainfield representative
of the C. A. Edmonson Company
of Danville and Clayton was
awarded second prize in the par-
ade last Saturday afternoon as a
part of the festivities marking the
celebration of the opening of the
National Road again to traffic fol-
lowing the widening of the famous
highway. The float competed with
about one hundred others.

The float carried a green road-
ster and riding on the float were
Miss Edith Gans, Miss Katherine
May Jackson, Genola and Gene-
vive McCollum and Pauline Os-
borne and Mrs. Rosa Hinshaw.

They were dressed in white
trousers and blouses and carried
green and white streamers. The
Ben Davis Tire Company's float
won first place.

LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT

The vault in the old State Bank
building is being removed this
week to make room for additional
shelves for the library which oc-
cupies the room. The Clayton li-
brary is growing rapidly and the
improvement is one of many fut-

Cora Hadley Hanna Died Suddenly At Detroit, Sept. 1st

Former Plainfield Woman Suc-
cumbs in Few Minutes After
Apolectic Stroke Monday
Morning, Sept. 1

WAS CLUB LEADER HERE

Mrs. Cora Hadley Hanna, De-
troit, age sixty-five years, wife of
John Hanna died early Monday
morning at her home there in a
few minutes after she was stricken
with apoplexy. Mrs. Hanna was
born and reared in this vicinity,
and had lived in Plainfield the
greater part of her life. She had
resided in Detroit for the last six
years.

Mrs. Hanna was a daughter of
Harlan and Mary Hadley and
lived during her childhood in the
Avon neighborhood. While a resi-
dent of Plainfield, she was very ac-
tive in church and club affairs.
She was a past president of the
Woman's Club and was one of the
leaders in the movement which re-
sulted in the establishing of the
public library. The organization
meeting was held at her home at
the time the library undertaking
was launched. During the World
War Mrs. Hanna worked uninterr-
edly in the Red Cross organization.
She was affiliated with the Plain-
field Christian church.

The funeral was held Thursday
afternoon at the Christian church
with the Rev. G. J. Daniel conduct-
ing the service.

Surviving her are the husband,
a son, Walter Hanna, Detroit, and
one sister and three brothers, Mrs.
Alice Vauter, Benton Harbor,
Michigan; Brewer and John Had-
ley, Danville and Harlan Hadley,
Springfield, Ill.

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Hon. Horace L. Hanna, Judge of the Hendricks County Circuit Court
Court House, Denville, Indiana

Horace L.(Lincoln) Hanna, s. of the Hon. John and Emma (Hobbs) Pothorff Hanna; b. in Greencastle, Ind., Apr. 1, 1874.

Hon. John Hanna*, s. of James Parks and Lydia (Heward) Hanna, was b. Sept. 3, 1827, in Marion Co.; Ind., on a farm that now is a part of Indianapolis. He remained on the home farm until 1846, and in June 1850 graduated from Ind. Asbury Univ. (now DePauw Univ.), having financed his coll. edn. by various types of employment. He read law, and following his admission to the bar (prior to 1855), began the prac. of law in Greencastle, Ind., where he served as mayor, 3 years (1851-54). In the spring of 1858, he moved to Kan.; where he was a mem. of the first Territorial Legislature (1858-59). He was chmn. of the Judiciary Com., and with the assistance of U. S. Atty. Gen. Edward Bates, introduced and was responsible for the enactment of a law abolishing and prohibiting slavery in the Territory of Kan. After remaining one year in Kan., he ret'd. to Greencastle, Ind., and resumed his legal practice. In the presidential campaign of 1860, he served as a Republican elector from the Seventh Congressional Dist. Prior to the Chicago Conv., he had advocated the nomination of Edward Bates, of Mo., for the presidency of the U. S., but following the nomination of Abraham Lincoln, he became active in the campaign for the latter. He was apptd. U. S. dist. atty. by President Lincoln, Mar. 25, 1861, and was recommended for re-appointment by President Lincoln, although his name was not sent to the Senate until after the death of the president. He was reappointed to the office by President Andrew Johnson, and served until 1869. In 1876, he was elected as a Republican to the forty-fifth Congress (Mar. 4, 1877 to Mar. 3, 1878). He advocated the principal of "sound money," which was opposed to that advocated by the Greenback party. The Hon. John Hanna subsequently practiced law in Indianapolis, Ind., in partnership with Gen. Fred Knefler, as a mem. of the firm, Hanna & Knefler. In 1868, he moved with his family to his farm near Plainfield, in Hendricks County, where he d. Oct. 24, 1882. He is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, in Greencastle. In May 1851, he married Mahala Sherfey, of Perryville, Vermillion Co.; Ind. Mrs. Hanna d. in 1870. They were the parents of 7 children, one of whom d. in infancy. Those who reached maturity are as follows: (1) Lillie. (2) William A. (3) Walter Parks. (4) Isabell. (5) John. (6) Kitty. In 1872, the Hon. John Hanna married Mrs. Emma (Hobbs) Pothorff, who was

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b. in Jennings Co., Ind. She d. in Jan. 1925. She was the dau. of Thomas and ---- (Williams) Hobbs. Thomas Hobbs was a farmer. The Hon. John and Emma (Hobbs) Petheroff Hanna were the parents of 5 children: (1) Ella. (2) Lucia Hanna. (3) and 4) Twin sons, one of whom is Horace Lincoln Hanna. (5) Florence.

James Parks Hanna, father of the Hon. John Hanna, and son of John (II) and Sarah (Jones) Hanna, entered and improved 20 acres of land in Warren Twp., Marion Co., Ind., where he d. Aug. 31, 1839. He was a farmer. Prior to his marriage, he resided with his uncle, Gen. Robert Hanna. His wife, Lydia (Howard) Hanna, who originally was from N. J., d. in 1844. Children: (1) John. (2) Kate. (3) Sarah. (4) Mary. Following the death of their mother, the children, of whom John was the eldest, remained on the home farm until 1846, when, at the suggestion of their uncle and guardian, Gen. Robert Hanna, they left the farm to attend school.

John Hanna (II), father of James Parks, and son of Robert, Sr. and Mary (Parks) Hanna, moved to Brookville, Ind., in pioneer days. About 1825, he moved to a farm in Wayne Twp., Marion County. He married Sarah Jones.

Robert Hanna, Sr., father of John (II), and son of John (I) and Mary (Kerwin) Hanna, was b. in Prince Edward Co., Va., Dec. 10, 1744. Following his marriage, he moved to Laurens Dist., S. C., where his uncle, Joseph Hanna, had already settled. He served as a surveyor gen. of S. C. He was a soldier in the Rev. War, and participated in various engagements, including Bannington, King's Mountain, and the Battle of Cowpens, the latter of which was fought on the plantation of his uncle, Joseph Hanna. In the spring of 1801, together with his wife and children, and other men and their families, he started west, arriving late in the fall of that year near what now is Harrison, Ohio. In 1804, he moved to Franklin Co., Ind., and entered a half-section of land in Fairfield Twp. He recd. the deed for his land Sept. 24, 1804. He d. in Franklin County, Jan. 24, 1821, and is buried in Sims Cemetery, in Union Co., Ind., where a govt. stone marks his grave. His wife, Mary (Parks) Hanna, whom he married in Va., was b. in 1748, and d. in 1834. She was the dau. of James Parks. Robert, Sr. and Mary (Parks) Hanna were the parents of 9 children, all of whom were b. in S. C. They are as follows: (1) John. (2) Mary. (3) Joseph. (4) James. (5) Margaret. (6) Janet. (7) Katharine. (8) Gen. Robert Hanna, who was b. near Fountainville, Laurens Dist., S. C., Apr. 6, 1786. He later accompanied his parents to Brookville, Ind., and in 1825 settled in Indianap-

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olis. He was a mem. of the State House of Representatives, in 1832, 1833, and 1836-39, and of the Indiana State Senate, 1842-46. He was a mem. of the conv. that framed the first State Constitution for Indiana in 1816. He served as a U. S. senator from Aug. 19, 1831 to Jan. 3, 1832. He was brig. gen. of the State Militia at one time. He was accidentally killed Nov. 16, 1858. He is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, in Indianapolis. (9) David Graham.

John Hanna (1), father of Robert, Sr., and son of Robert (1), moved from Dela. to Va., settling near Burfield's Church, in Prince Edward County. About 1745, he married Mary Swain. They were the parents of 2 children: (1) Robert, Sr. (2) Jane.

Robert Hanna (1)***, father of John (1), resided in Galloway, Scotland. He later accompanied his father, who was a native of Galloway, Scotland, to County Down, Ireland. Robert Hanna (1) and his bro., Hugh Hanna, subsequently emigrated to Am., settling in Wilmington, Dela. Robert Hanna (1) was the father of two sons, John (1), and Joseph (records have not been estab. as to whether there were more children). His son, Joseph Hanna, who settled in Laurens Dist., S. C., d. in S. C. The son, dau., and widow of Joseph's bro., John Hanna (1), later settled there also. The Battle of Cowpens in the Rev. War was fought on the plantation of Joseph Hanna. One of Joseph's sons followed his cousin, Robert Hanna, Sr. to Indiana Territory, and settled in what now is Union County. The Hanna family are descended from a Lowland clan of Scotland. The name was spelled De Hennethe, a'Hannay, and a'Hanna, up to about 1600 A. D.

Horace L. Hanna, the subject of this sketch, accompanied his parents to Plainfield, Ind., in 1882. He attended sch. in Plainfield, where he graduated from the old Central Acad. He then was a student of DePauw Univ., 1 year. In 1904, he graduated from law sch. in Indianapolis. After attending DePauw Univ., he taught sch. 1 year in Hendricks County, following which he was a commercial traveler for the firm, Baker-Vawter, Inc., of Chicago, 4 years. In 1904, while a law student in Indianapolis, he was elected to the State Legislature, and served in the session of 1905. He was re-elected to the office and served in the session of 1907. In 1908, he was elected to the State Senate, serving in the sessions of 1909 and 1911. While a mem. of the Senate, he was chmn. of the Visitation com., which corresponds to the present budget com. He served also as Republican caucus chmn. He was at one time a candidate for the office of judge of the Appellate Court.

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He first was nominated for judge of the Hendricks County Circuit Court, Fifty-fifth Judicial Circuit, in 1930. He again was nominated in 1936, was elected, and now is serving his fourth year in that capacity. He assumed office Jan. 1, 1937. For 31 consecutive years, he served as atty. for the city of Plainfield. He served also as atty. for other towns, including Amo, Clayton, Pittsboro, Coatesville, and Speedway City, many years. He was county atty. of Hendricks County, 9 years. He has maintained a prac. of law in Plainfield since 1904. Judge Hanna, who formerly was a mem. of the Elks Lodge, is a Republican, and a mem. of the following: Blue Lodge, F. and A. M., Consistory (32nd deg.), and Shrine; Ind. State Bar Assn.; Hendricks County Bar Assn.; Columbia Club (Indianapolis); U. G. T.; K. of P. (mem. since 1900); Sigma Chi; Hendricks County Chapter, Citizens Hist. Assn. (a life mem.); and Meth. Ch. (is a trustee). His favorite recreation is golf.

On Dec. 23, 1908, Horace L. Hanna married Hortense Moore, dau. of Patterson and Willie (Tomlinson) Moore. Patterson Moore operated a grocery in Plainfield, and later was a commercial traveler for a wholesale grocery firm of Indianapolis. He is dead. Mrs. Hanna was b. in Plainfield. Judge and Mrs. Hanna have no children.

* For further data regarding the Hon. John Hanna, see the following: "Biographical Directory of the American Congress," 1774-1927" (U. S. Govt. Printing Office, 1928), p. 1057; "History of Hendricks County, Indiana" (Inter-State Pub. Co., Chicago, 1885), p. 619; "A Biographical History of Eminent and Self-Made Men of the State of Indiana" (Western Biographical Pub. Co., Cincinnati, 1880), vol. 1, 7th dist., p. 69; Jacob Platt Dunn "Indiana and Indians" (Am. Hist. Soc., Chicago; 1919), vol. 5, p. 1953; and John H. B. Nowland "Sketches of Prominent Citizens of 1876" (Tilford & Carlon, Printers, Indianapolis, Indiana, 1877), p. 284.

** For further data regarding Robert Hanna, Sr., see "Roster of Soldiers and Patriots of the American Revolution, Buried in Indiana" (Pub. by the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution, 1938), p. 175.

*** For further data regarding Gen. Robert Hanna, see the following: "Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774-1927" (pub. in 1928), p. 1057; "A Biographical History of Eminent and Self-Made Men of the State of Indiana" (pub. in 1880), vol. 1, 7th dist., p. 70; "A Portrait and Biographical Record of Boone, Clinton and Hendricks Counties, Indiana" (A. W. Bowen & Co., Chicago, 1895), p. 161; and John H. B.

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Nowland "Sketches of Prominent Citizens of 1876" (pub. in 1877), p. 555.

**** For further data regarding the Hanna family, see the following: "The House of Hanna", by Sarah A Hanna (pub. in Brookville, Indiana, in 1906); Charles Elmer Rice "A History of the Hanna Family" (Aden Elm & Son, Printers, Danvers, Ohio, 1905); August J. Heibel "History of Franklin County, Indiana" (B. F. Bowen & Co., Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana, 1915), pp. 696, 1178, and 1403; Jacob Platt Dunn "History of Greater Indianapolis" (Lewis Pub. Co., Chicago, 1910), vol. 3, p. 958; and John H. E. Nowland "Sketches of Prominent Citizens of 1876" (pub. in 1877), p. 170.