

**James S. Clements**

Occupant Name: James S. Clements

Location: Section E

Date of Birth: 3/28/1851

Date of Death: 1932

Date of Burial: 1932

Veteran: No

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



**Heart Attack  
Is Fatal To  
J.S. Clements**

**Was Oldest Business Man In  
Brownstown--Well Known  
Over The County.**

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**Aged Woman Expires**

**Mrs. America Smallwood, Formerly Of Jackson Co., Dies At Columbus, Aged 91.**

James S. Clements, age 81 years, one of the best known citizens of Jackson county, passed away at his home in Brownstown Tuesday morning at 3:45 o'clock. Mr. Clements had been in declining health for some time, but had only been confined to his bed since Thursday. Death was due to heart trouble.

He was the oldest business man in Brownstown, if not in the county (actively engaged in business) both as to his age and the number of years of actual service, having been engaged in business here for a continuous period of 58 years.

He came to Brownstown in 1874, occupying a room of the old Vermilya block, where he conducted a general watch and repair shop. He remained individually in this business for about fifteen years, gradually adding a general watch and jewelry business. In 1889 he formed a partnership with the late Capt. D. B. Vance and purchased the undertaking and furniture business owned respectively by J. H. Matlock and F. Huber consolidating the two. In 1933 he became the sole owner. He disposed of the furniture business but continued

in the undertaking business until about seven years ago. He was a purely self-made man and his eminent success is indicative of his merit and worth as a leading, influential citizen.

Mr. Clements was a native of Orange county. He was born near Paoli, the son of James and Martha Clements, March 28, 1851. He was married four times. On September 26, 1876, he was married to Sarah J. Russell. To their union were born three children, one of whom died in infancy. His second marriage was to Mrs. Carrie Downing in October, 1898, who died in 1912. Later he was married to Miss Adda Phifer, who died in 1927. His last marriage was to Mrs. Emma Caldwell, who survives.

Besides his widow he leaves two children by his first marriage, Harry M. Clements, of Mitchell; Mrs. B. E. Long, of Washington, D. C.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Emma Hollingsworth, of Paoli, who is 90 years old, and one brother, Volney Clements, of Kokomo, who is 86.

Deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church. He was clerk of the session until about two years ago, when on account of his health he asked to be relinquished from that office. At the time of his death he was an Elder in the church. He was a charter member of the Knights of Pythias, and was also affiliated with the Masonic, Red Men and Odd Fellows lodges. He was a good husband and father and had a large circle of friends throughout the county.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. Roy Brumbaugh, assisted by the Rev. J. V. Roth, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Mitchell. Burial in Fairview cemetery.

The body will lie in state at the Presbyterian church from 12 o'clock noon until the hour of the funeral. Mr. Clements is the third elder of the Brownstown Presbyterian church to die in the last four months, the other two being Frank Ireland and Adam Heller.

