

Thomas H. Branaman

Occupant Name: Thomas H. Branaman

Location: **Section 1, Lot 9**

Date of Birth: 5/5/1884

Date of Death: 4/3/1970

Date of Burial: 4/6/1970

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: Thomas H. Branaman

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Funeral Rites

Held Sunday For T. H. Branaman

Prominent Retired Brownstown Attorney And Former Indiana State Senator Dies At Home Here Early Last Friday Morning.

Funeral rites were held Sunday afternoon from the Spurgeon Funeral Home for 85-year-old Thomas Hendricks Branaman, prominent Brownstown trial lawyer for many years and widely known among the legal profession throughout a wide area.

Ill for several months and hospitalized several times during that period, Mr. Branaman died at his home here at 5:45 o'clock last Friday morning. He had been returned to his home only a few days previously from the Jackson County Schneck Memorial Hospital.

Born in Brownstown, May 5, 1884, he was a son of the late Frank and Ada Burrell Branaman. He was graduated from Brownstown High School one of six members of the Class of 1901.

In 1905 he received an A.B. degree from Indiana University and, in 1909, a law degree from



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Harvard University. He was admitted to practice law before the Indiana Supreme Court in 1911 and the District Court of Appeals in 1912.

Mr. Branaman served two years as a deputy attorney general in the Indiana Attorney General's office in Indianapolis, under the late Thomas Honan of Seymour and the late Mr. Stutzenburg, and, in 1912 opened his own law office in Brownstown.

In May, 1949, he formed a law partnership with Brownstown Attorney Bruce Markel, Jr. and this partnership remained in force until October, 1965.

Mr. Branaman served in the Indiana State Senate during the 74th session (1925) and in the 75th session (1927) of the Indiana General Assembly, representing Jackson, Washington and Scott counties.

He served on the Board of Managers of the Indiana Bar Association, later as a member of the House of Delegates of the Association and was a past president of the Jackson County Bar Association.

He also, at one time, served as Jackson County attorney and was one of the early members of the Jackson County Draft Board, now known as the Selective Service Board and was a former member of the Brownstown Lions Club.

He was a member of Washington Lodge No. 13, Free & Accepted Masons, of Seymour Chapter No. 85, Royal Arch Masons and Seymour Commandery No. 56, Knights Templar.

During his last stay in the Jackson County Hospital he was presented with a fifty-year pin and certificate by the Seymour Commandery.

On June 8, 1922, in Brownstown, he was married to Miss Blanche Cunningham, who survives.

Also surviving are three nieces, Mrs. R.A. Brodhecker, of Brownstown, Mrs. Thomas S. Blackadder, of Helensburgh, Scotland, the former Miss Patricia Branaman, and Mrs. Philip J. Halla, of Chevy Chase, Maryland, the former Miss Jacqueline Branaman, and a nephew, Winston Brooke, of Anniston, Alabama.

A brother, Judge John C. Branaman is deceased. Judge Branaman served as Jackson Circuit Court Judge from 1930 until 1944.

The Rev. Robert Reid, pastor of the Brownstown Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Don Burroughs, of the Medora United Methodist Church, officiated at the memorial service.

Interment was in Fairview Ce-