

Mrs. Mina Tharp, Abstract Firm Owner, Is Dead

Mrs. Mina Wright Tharp, 67, wife of Rufus Tharp and owner and manager of the Johnson Abstract company, died at 11:20 o'clock Wednesday night at her home, 509 South Armstrong street, after being ill since August.

Her health began failing some two years ago when she was forced to give up active participation in her business. Last winter she underwent surgery following which she appeared to be making a good recovery until late summer when a light paralytic stroke started a downward trend.

Mrs. Tharp was one of the best known business women of the city, having been connected with the Johnson Abstract company since 1903. She became a clerk there after a period of employment in the office of the county recorder, then Perry Groves. James D. Johnson was owner of the abstract company when she joined the staff. Later she worked for J. R. Morgan and Mrs. Morgan, acquiring the business on the death of the latter.

Conscientious, industrious and intelligent, she brought to the position the best that she had and carried on the business with fine ability.

She was a member of the American Title association and the Indiana Title association of which she was a past vice-president—the first woman to hold office in the society. She also was a member of the Business and Professional Women's club, the Department club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Kokomo Board of Realtors. She was an active Republican, having served on the county central committee, and at one time was a member of the Crown Point cemetery board.

She was born February 24, 1882, at New London, the youngest child of David and Huldah Wright, members of early families of that community. Her Grandfather Wright came to Howard county in 1840 and was one of those who participated in setting up the New London

