

I. Dale Watson, Postmaster 20 Years at Russiaville, Dies

I. Dale Watson, 67, postmaster has devoted his professional activity to the federal service. In political faith he was a Democrat, but maintained a vigorous independence in his political thinking. He was elected joint state senator to represent Howard and Miami counties in 1932 and served his constituency with outstanding accomplishment in the Assembly. Throughout the years, Mr. Watson had been an ardent fighter for world peace through disarmament and through brotherhood fostered by church and state. He quite frankly told his friends his personal efforts toward these goals were but a ripple, but he stoutly championed the effectiveness of small individual contributions to those goals. He, too, held highly individual rights and was a persistent champion of equal opportunity for all persons regardless of station in life.

He had suffered from angina pectoris since his service in World War I and his condition became critical just two months ago when he was forced to enter the hospital for treatment. Two years ago he suffered a severe attack during a tour he and his family were making through the West, and he was hospitalized for several weeks at that time in Salt Lake City.

Mr. Watson was born May 3, 1890, in Eastern Howard County, the son of William H. and Ella (Moon) Watson. He was married February 23, 1924, to Celesta M. Jones of Clinton County, who survives. *d. 7-6-1957*

Reared in Howard County, he was graduated from New London High School with the class of 1911. Following service in World War I, he continued his education at Purdue University and was awarded the bachelor of education degree and also a master's degree in education by that university in 1925. He taught two years at Purdue and one year at Valparaiso University.

Mr. Watson enlisted in the U. S. Army in the early days of World War I and spent a considerable part of his time in service in France. He was discharged in June of 1919.

He returned to Russiaville in 1929 when he acquired ownership of a drug store there. From that time until his death he maintained a fervent interest in all affairs of the community. He was appointed postmaster of Russiaville in 1937 at which time he sold his drug store. For the last 20 years, he

besides the widow, he is survived by one son, Stephen Dale, and a foster-daughter, Mrs. Mary Lou Shull of Anderson. Two sisters also survive, Eunice Lightfoot of Center and Mildred Stenke in ward of Hobbs, along with several nephews and nieces. Funeral services will be conducted at the New London Friends Church at 4 p.m. Tuesday and interment will follow in the New London Cemetery. Rev. Lloyd King of Hemlock will be in charge of the services, assisted by the