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PIONEER INDIANA WOMAN, 92, DIES

Mrs. Flora M. Ketcham Was Widow of Former G.A.R. National Head.

Mrs. Flora M. Ketcham, 92 years old, 3906 Ruckle street, member of a pioneer Indiana family and well known in Indianapolis, died Saturday in her home after a heart attack suffered a week ago.

Mrs. Ketcham was the widow of William A. Ketcham, widely known lawyer who was at one time state attorney general; onetime national commander of the G. A. R. and twice commander of the Indiana G. A. R. He died in 1921.

Mrs. Ketcham was the last surviving child of Judge David McDonald and Mary R. Miller McDonald. Judge McDonald for 14 years was judge of the 10th district Circuit Court, and was the first professor of law at Indiana University. Mrs. Ketcham wrote an account of her father's life for the Indiana Magazine of History a few years ago.

Pioneers in Indiana.

The McDonald family came to this state in 1817 from Bourbon county Kentucky and settled first in Daviess county. Mrs. Ketcham was born in Bloomington, March 13, 1846. The family came to Indianapolis in 1856, where Mrs. Ketcham attended the McLean Seminary and Miss Katharine Merrill's School for Girls.

She was married to Mr. Ketcham in 1873.

She became a member of the Fourth Presbyterian Church at the time of her marriage and continued active in membership after the church merged with the Fairview Presbyterian Church. She was a teacher of the Woman's Bible Class 30 years until illness forced her to curtail her activities at the age of 85.

The Ketcham family home formerly was between Capitol avenue and Illinois streets and 40th and 42d streets. They lived there from 1882 to 1923, when the home was destroyed by fire. The family then moved to a home on North New Jersey street and later to the Ruckle street address.

5 Daughters, Son Survive.

Survivors are a son, Henry C. Ketcham, Indianapolis attorney, and five daughters, Miss Flora McDonald Ketcham, Dr. Jane M. Ketcham, Miss Lilla Ketcham and Miss Lucia Ketcham, all of Indianapolis, and Miss Dorothy Ketcham of Ann Arbor, Mich. Another daughter, Mrs. Agnes Dorsey, died in 1935.

Funeral services will be held in the home at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The Rev. Virgil D. Ragan, pastor of the Fairview church, will conduct services. Pallbearers will be Kleber W. Hadley, Evans Woollen Jr., William R. Higgins, Clair McTurnan, Harry S. Rogers and Harry G. Coughlin Jr. Friends are invited to the services. Private burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.