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## OBITUARIES

Joseph W. Amis, attorney of Clinton, Indiana, died on Saturday, January 8th. Mr. Amis had recently been sued by the Citizens Bank in Clinton which claimed that he had endorsed a note given them on a loan made by Harry Pritchard. Mr. Amis denied that the signature was his or that he had any knowledge of the loan. On the evening before his death the jury returned a verdict of guilty. The amount involved was \$1400. Mr. Amis was greatly shocked by the verdict since he felt that it implied he was dishonest in refusing to meet his legal obligations. Mrs. Amis and friends talked with Mr. Amis until nearly midnight trying to comfort him. He repeated again and again that his neighbors among whom he had practiced law for nearly thirty years would feel that he was dishonorable. He tried to sleep on the couch after his friends left but gave evidences of pain. Mrs. Amis called a physician but before he could arrive Mr. Amis was dead. Mr. Amis is survived by his wife and two children. He suffered a great strain last fall when his eldest son, Herman, died.

Mr. Amis had practiced law in Clinton with great honor and ability for many years. The Vermillion County Bar Association passed resolutions in honor of his memory.

Frank H. Blackledge, Indianapolis attorney, died at the age of sixty-nine on Monday, December 27, 1926. At the time of his death Mr. Blackledge was counsel for the Old Trails Automobile Insurance Association. He had offices in the Merchants Bank Building. Mr. Blackledge was a graduate of Franklin College. In 1880 he was appointed private secretary to Governor Albert G. Porter and served in that position for four years. In 1894 he formed a law partnership with his brother-in-law, W. W. Thornton, at Indianapolis.

John F. Lawrence, prominent Peru attorney, died at his home on Friday, January 7th. Mr. Lawrence was in his sixty-eighth year. He had been a prominent attorney at Peru for many years and had been active in the affairs of the Miami County Bar Association. He had been one of the important organizers and workers for Theodore Roosevelt and Albert J. Beveridge during the campaign of 1912. The Miami County Bar Association voted to attend his funeral in a body and a committee was appointed to draw up resolutions in honor of his memory.

Frank E. Little, of North Vernon, a prominent member of the Jennings County Bar, died at his home on Monday, January 12th. Mr. Lawrence was the oldest member of the Jennings County Bar Association at the time of his death. He was widely known throughout southeastern Indiana. He was a member of several social and learned societies. The Jennings County Bar Association passed resolutions in honor of his memory.

John C. McPhee, former city attorney of Muncie, Indiana, died on Monday, December 13, 1926. He had been ill for nearly a year. Mr. McPhee is survived by a widow and two children. He had been a respected member of the Muncie Bar for many years. The Delaware County Bar Association passed resolutions in honor of his memory and the members of the association attended his funeral in a body. The *Muncie Star* published an editorial in appreciation of his career and in honor of his memory.

William C. Ryan, a life long resident of Fort Wayne and a prominent attorney there for many years, died at his home on Sunday, December 26th, 1926. Judge Ryan was a former judge of the Allen County circuit

court. The Allen County Bar Association passed resolutions in honor of his memory. Judge Ryan was in the prime of life at the time of his death. He had been prosecuting attorney of Allen County before he was circuit judge and had been a prominent lawyer at Fort Wayne for many years. He received the respect and admiration of his fellow lawyers. On December 29th the *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* printed an editorial in honor of his memory.

Thomas J. Terhune, former judge of the Boone County circuit court, is dead at his home in Alhambra, California. Mr. Terhune was seventy-seven years old at the time of his death. He was a graduate of Indiana University, class of 1873. He was a leading figure in Indiana legal circles.