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'AUNT MOLLY' BROWN DEAD

Pioneer Doctor's Widow Had Just Passed Her 92nd Birthday

Two weeks after she celebrated her ninety-second birthday Mrs. Mary M. Brown is dead at her home on West Arch street. Heart trouble claimed her life Monday [February 20, 1939] night at 10:45 o'clock.

"Aunt Molly," as she was affectionately known to her many friends, had been ill four weeks. One of the older residents of Portland and Jay county [Indiana], Mrs. Brown came to this county to reside shortly after her marriage on February 5, 1867, to Dr. H. V. Brown, a Civil war veteran and practicing physician in Portland for many years. She was born in Darke county, Ohio, February 5, 1847 the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Miller) Pittsenbarger.

Coming to Jay county Dr. and Mrs. Brown resided at Libers for two years where he attended college. They moved to Portland locating on West Arch street where she since resided. Mrs. Brown was in charge of the millinery department of the Cartwright and Heddington store for thirty-five years. Dr. Brown died July 28, 1916.

Surviving her are one brother M. M. Pittsenbarger, 96, of Champaign, Ill., and several nieces and nephews. Miss Molly English, a niece, has made her home for a number of years with Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. Brown was a member of the Methodist church and an honorary member of the B. P. W. club.

The body was removed from the Baird funeral home to the residence Tuesday afternoon.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the Baird Chapel. Rev. E. J. Wickersham, pastor of the Methodist church, will officiate. Interment will be made in Green Park cemetery.

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