

## Death Summons Comes Suddenly To Clem Wilson

Clem Wilson, 61, city clerk-treasurer for the past twenty-eight years, passed away suddenly Thursday evening as he was walking from the city building to his home at 416 East Votaw. Just as he reached the intersection of North and Wayne streets, he suffered a heart attack and before a physician could be summoned God's finger touched him and his spirit had winged its way to that celestial world.

The announcement of the passing of Clem Wilson came as a sorrowful thunderbolt to every citizen of the community.

He may not have been in best of health but Thursday he was at his post of duty - a daily task he loyally performed for more than a score of year. Duties are mortal - event's are God's and death for this respected public servant is now his crown of life.



Clem Wilson was born in Portland, so of the late Joseph B and Mary (Drake) Wilson. He began his public service in 1914 when he became deputy auditor of Jay county under John Bonifas. He served will in this capacity for eight years. Then in 1922, he became city clerk-treasurer and so efficiently did [cut off]

-municipal election, regardless of the swing of the political pendulum for the other city offices. William Penn more that a century ago outlined the five things which are requisite to a good public officer - ability, clean hands, dispatch, patience and impartiality. Clem Wilson possessed all of these qualities and as an honest servant, he was respected by all parties and all voters.

He never married and had resided for many years with his sister Miss Lenora Wilson in their comfortable home in East Votaw street. One of the greatest interests in his life was the annual Jay County Fair. He had been a director for many years, served a number of years as chairman of concessions and at the time of his death, he was president of the fair association.

In addition to the sister, he is survived by one brother, Charles, who had assisted him in the clerk's office for a number of years.

He was a member of the Portland lodge, Loyal Order of Moose.

The body was removed to the Baird funeral home where friends may call to pay their respects.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Baird Chapel in charge of Rev. I. L. Curts. Interment will follow in Green Park cemetery.

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## Pallbearers At Wilson Funeral

Funeral services for Clem Wilson, 61, city clerk-treasurer who died suddenly Thursday evening, will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Baird Chapel in charge of Rev. I. L. Curts. Interment will be in Green Park cemetery.

The active pallbearers will be Luther Hammitt, Ralph Green, Kenneth Loy, Walter Jetter, Ole Lutz, Byron Tyndall, G. Roland Syphers and Quincy Miller.

All of the city official will serve as honorary pallbearers.

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