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WIDOW OF LATE JUDGE IS DEAD AFTER ILLNESS

Mrs. I. C. Parker, Former Fort
Smith Social Leader, Suc-
cumbs at Home of Son in
Durant, Okla.

NATIVE OF ST. JOSEPH

Funeral Services Probably
Will Be Held From Church of
Immaculate Conception

Mrs. Mary O'Toole Parker, widow
of the late Judge Isaac C. Parker,
famous jurist in the Western Ar-
kansas district for 25 years died
Wednesday night about 7 o'clock at
her home in Durant, Okla., accord-
ing to announcement received in
Fort Smith by Mrs. James Parker,
1402 Dodson avenue, a daughter-
in-law.

The body will arrive in Fort Smith,
Thursday afternoon at 6 o'clock,
over the Frisco railroad for funera-
services and burial here, Friday.
No definite arrangements had been
made late Wednesday night for
burial, relatives said, but it is ex-
pected that the funeral will be held
from the Church of Immaculate
Conception with Dr. Patrick F.
Horan officiating. Burial will be
made in the National cemetery, be-
side the grave of her husband.

Mrs. Parker was Miss Mary
O'Toole. She was born in St.
Joseph, Mo., July 22, 1839, the
daughter of James B. O'Toole,
and her mother was Sophia Hick-
man of Columbus, Mo. After
graduation from the Convent of
Sacred Heart in St. Joseph, she
married the then Congressman Par-
ker.

Move to Fort Smith

After a number of years of resi-
dence in Washington, D. C., the
Parkers moved to Fort Smith. Mr.
Parker had been appointed as jurist
of the federal court in Fort Smith.
Here she won instant recognition,
and was a leader in society circles
for a number of years.

The now prominent Fortnightly
club owes its birth to Mrs. Parker,
and a number of other social ac-
tivities were sponsored by her. Fol-
lowing the sudden death of her hus-
band November 17, 1896 and the
destruction of her home by the
cyclone a year later, Mrs. Parker
left Fort Smith and made her home
in Durant with her son, Charles
Parker. There also she was a
leader, and a number of societies
were organized during her lifetime.

Mrs. Parker is survived by a num-
ber of grandchildren and nieces, her
second son having died in Durant
last spring. Relatives in Fort Smith
include Mrs. James Parker, her
daughter-in-law; and grandchildren,
Bailey Parker, Mrs. James Clenden-
ning Jr., Miss Lillie Parker, I. C.
Parker and James Parker. There
also are a number of nieces in
Washington, D. C. and Los Angeles,
relatives said.

Judge Native of Iowa

Judge Isaac Charles Parker, a
native of Iowa, came with his family
from St. Joseph, Mo., in March 1875,
under appointment of President
U. S. Grant, as judge of the federal
district court for the western dis-
trict of Arkansas, with criminal
jurisdiction over the Indian Terri-
tory.

This was at the time, the largest
judicial territory under one court in
the United States and embraced
70,000 square miles with practically
no railroad or telegraph conveni-
ences.

Prior to coming to Fort Smith,
Judge Parker had been city attorney
of St. Joseph, county attorney of
Buchanan county, Mo., a member
of congress from that district and
refused the place of supreme judge
of Utah at the request of President
Grant, to accept the appointment
at Fort Smith.

Judge Parker served at Fort Smith
until his death in November 17, 1896,
and during that time became per-
haps the best known of all federal
judges in the nation because of his
determination to rid the Indian
Territory of banditry.

Shortly after his death, criminal
jurisdiction over the territory was
taken away from the court here and
vested in the newly established
court at Muskogee.