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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.