

Herman Rabich

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Herman J. Rabich, 70 years old, a retired Cape Girardeau contractor, former county judge and representative in the state legislature from this county, died at 10 a.m. today at his home, 119 North Henderson avenue. Mr. Rabich had been in ill health for about a year, but had been confined to his home the past four months, suffering from arterio sclerosis and other complications.

The body was removed to the Walther Funeral Home but will be returned to the family home Friday. Definite funeral arrangements had not been made late today.

Native Girardean.

Born in Cape Girardeau Oct. 7, 1865, Mr. Rabich was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rabich, one of the town's early families. He was educated in the schools here, including the old Normal school and later attended and graduated from the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Ill.

He was married to Miss Emma George of Cape Girardeau on Oct. 28, 1890, and the couple spent all but three years of their married life in Cape Girardeau. For three years they resided at Rosemeade, Cal., returning here 12 years ago.

For several years they resided at the Rabich home place, located on Broadway at the present site of the I. Ben Miller Drug store. Mr. Rabich was a contractor and erected many of the substantial dwellings more than two decades ago. He superintended, for the county, the erection of the courthouse at Jackson.

Served on Council.

For several terms he was a member of the County Court and he also served as a member of the City Council under the older aldermanic form of government. He was representative from Cape Girardeau County in the State Legislature during 1924. For several years he was actively engaged in Republican politics and was a leader in the party in the city and county.

Mr. Rabich was a member of the Sons of Union Veteran and of the Woodmen of the World. He also was a member of the First English Lutheran Church.

Besides his widow he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Emma Sailer, and a nephew, E.L. Sailer, former city engineer. A niece, Mr. O.W. Holmes, resides at Rolla. A son, the only child born to the couple, died in infancy.