

EARLY KANSAS SUFFRAGIST

MRS. ANNA POTTER DIED IN KANSAS CITY, KANS.

First Woman to Seek Office in Kansas Was Also a Pioneer Temperance Worker.

Kansas City, March 27.—Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Potter, once a candidate for mayor of Kansas City, Kans., who died suddenly at her home 1016 North Eighth street, Monday night, will be held at the home at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The Rev. John Bennett, an Episcopalian clergyman, will conduct the service. The body will be placed in a vault at Highland Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Potter was known throughout Kansas as one of the pioneer equal suffragists and temperance workers in that state. She was born in Tennessee in 1847, and was married to Eli Potter, general agent of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company for Kansas City, in Nashville, Tenn., January 29, 1868. Mr. Potter survives her. Mrs. Potter built the Potter mansion in Kansas City, Kans., where she died. The building covers half a block, and contains a large number of rooms. The present building is the third which Mrs. Potter built on the site. The other two were destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Potter ran for mayor of Kansas City, Kans., at the spring election in 1893, on a terse platform: "Honesty and Integrity." It was soon after women have been granted suffrage in municipal affairs in Kansas, and Mrs. Potter was the first Kansas City, Kans., woman to try for an office. She headed an independent ticket, the other members of which included two women, she named herself. She hired a band and made speeches throughout the campaign. She and the others on the ticket were defeated by the male vote, the men not yet being convinced of woman's right to vote or hold public office.

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