

DEATHS IN THE ERIE FAMILY



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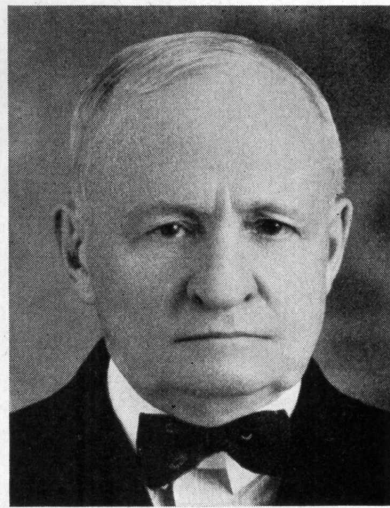
Robert J. Quinlan, 77, veteran Mahoning division engineer, who retired Nov. 1, 1939 after service of 59 years and eight months, died Jan. 12 at his home, 1293 West 112th street, Cleveland, after a brief illness. Bob Quinlan was one of the most active men for his years. A past president of the Erie Veterans association he retained his interest in the railroad game to the last and was a staunch Erie booster. He was also a member of the B. of L. E., and the Lakewood Borrowed Time club. He was a familiar figure at Erie veterans annual outings. Mr. Quinlan began railroad work as a machinist apprentice for the Atlantic & Great Western, now the Erie, in 1880. Mr. Quinlan never forgot his railroad and liked to tell about the fifteen master mechanics under whom he had worked. Even after retiring he continued as a voluntary business-getter for his railroad, giving up evenings to procure traffic and to attend get-together meetings to inspire younger members of the Erie family with the importance of helping their railroad and acquainting the public with the problems confronting the carriers. Mr. Quinlan is survived by his wife, Anna; a son, Robert, and two daughters, Miss Mary Quinlan and Mrs. Kathryn Mortland. Funeral services were held Jan. 15 at St. Rose's Catholic church, Detroit & West 114th street.



Clarence C. Howard

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Clarence C. Howard, 66, passenger traffic manager of the Erie Railroad for the past fourteen years, died at his home, 3366 Elsmere road, Shaker Heights, suburb of Cleveland, on Jan. 14th after a long illness. He entered railroad service as a messenger for the old New York & Northern, now a division of the New York Central, and served as ticket agent, telegraph operator, traveling auditor, train dispatcher and in various capacities in the passenger rate department, finally becoming general passenger agent of both the New York Central and the West Shore Railroad. In 1918 he became associated with the Irving National Bank, now the Irving Trust Co., New York, as assistant cashier and two years later became a vice president. He held this position until 1927, when he resigned to join the Erie. He was known for his good-fellowship and ability to improve the service to the travelling public. Survivors are his widow, Beatrice Curtiss Howard; two sons, Curtiss, a merchandising executive in New York, and Robert of Cleveland; a daughter, Mrs. Roger Bury of Newton Center, Mass., and a grandson, Curtiss Bury.



Edward Everett Emery

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Edward Everett Emery, 84, retired locomotive shop employee of Susquehanna, died Jan. 3. He began as a messenger in the office of superintendent of motive power in 1877. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ethel Spencer and Mrs. Robert Robertson, of Susquehanna, and Mrs. Louis Hogan of Paterson. Four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive.

Roy M. Wilson

Roy M. Wilson, 50, general foreman of the Erie Railroad shops at Port Jervis since March, 1938, died of a heart attack Jan. 15th. He lived at 163 East Main street. He began his career with the Erie in 1907 at Galion, O., where he was born. He became a machinist in 1913 and three years later was promoted to roundhouse foreman at Brier Hill. In 1918 he was moved up to general roundhouse foreman at Kent and since then had served in a supervisory capacity at Marion, Hornell and Secaucus. Mr. Wilson is survived by his widow, Sylvia, and one son, James, at home; two daughters, Ruth Ellen and June of East Orange, N. J.; his mother, Mrs. Ora Wilson, and a brother, Bert, both of Galion. Burial was at Marion, O.

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John P. Duggan

John P. Duggan, 79, retired trainmaster of the Bradford division, died at his home, 45 William street, Bradford, last December. He is survived by one son, John Duggan, Jr., of Bradford; three daughters, Mrs. Hazel Mathewson and Mrs. E. C. McCann of Bradford and Mrs. A. L. Kightlinger, formerly of Salamanca and now residing in Titusville; two brothers, Thomas B. Duggan of Salamanca and Frank J. Duggan of Olean; two grandsons, Jack McCann of Bradford and Bob Kightlinger of Titusville.

David W. Hardester

David W. Hardester, 54, former Port Jervis engine dispatcher, died late in December. Surviving are four sisters and two brothers, Mrs. A. L. Donaldson, Mrs. Emma A. Landon, Mrs. Henry A. Lowry, all of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Walter Perry, Ridgewood, N. J. The two brothers are Robert and William Thomas, of Pittsburgh.

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Mrs. Mary Ann Lynch

Mrs. Mary Ann Lynch, mother of Harry H. Lynch, Port Jervis engineer, and widow of Patrick J. Lynch, also a former Erie employee, died Dec. 10 at her home, 416 Elm street, Susquehanna, after a long illness. She is also survived by the following children: Daniel P. Lynch of Kingsville, Texas; Mrs. F. M. Seeley of San Diego, Calif.; Mrs. Ernest Grimes of Susquehanna and Frank A. Lynch of Jersey City, as well as many grandchildren. A solemn high mass was celebrated at St. John's church and burial was in St. John's cemetery.



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Charles J. Heacock

Charles J. Heacock, formerly traveling auditor in the Erie's Auditor of Disbursements office, Cleveland, died at his home in Warsaw, Ind., Jan. 1st. He was 58 and had been for many years secretary-treasurer of the Winona Railway Co. He was a member of the Columbia City Elks Lodge and is survived by his mother, Mrs. Alfred Heacock, his sister Mrs. W. C. Bolton, and a niece, Miss Helen Bolton.

Patrick J. McDonald

Patrick J. McDonald, 33, Erie fireman of 71 Wilda Ave., Youngstown, was found dead in his garage last month. Besides his wife and father, Mr. McDonald leaves three brothers, James of Denver, George W. of Youngstown and Raymond P. of San Francisco.

Thomas J. O'Laughlin

Thomas J. O'Laughlin, 43, veteran dispatcher, died in hospital at Meadville, Jan. 7. He is survived by his wife, Arline; a son, John, and a daughter, Margaret Ann, all at home, and his mother, Mrs. John O'Laughlin of Meadville.

First at Resurrection

An old Erie pensioned telegrapher C. K. Beckwith of 125 Shippen street, Weehawken, N. J., tells an amusing story of an actual happening more than 65 years ago on the old Delaware division, two-thirds of it single track and a water station every twelve miles requiring a day and night telegraph operator at every station or town of its 105 miles. The operators worked twelve hours and welcomed occasional diversion.

"I remember an undertaker on the main street in Hancock, N. Y.," the old-timer explained, "who displayed his coffins by standing them upright in front of his place, leaving them there day and night, one piece of furniture that was never stolen.

"The town drunk named Pete would always sleep off his jags near the railroad. He seemed to think it was the safest place. One night he found a soft spot on the freight house platform. Operators always had boy friends to keep them company and this night Pete was loaded into an old one-horse wagon standing at the freight house for the purpose of putting him in a less dangerous locality. As the wagon passed the undertaker's one of the coffins was picked up and put in the wagon with Pete in it. The wagon continued on to the cemetery on the hill where coffin and Pete were unloaded, facing the east. Early next morning the rays of the sun struck Pete's face, waking him up, and as he sat up in the coffin rubbing his eyes and seeing the gravestones all around him, he was heard to murmur: "The morning of the Resurrection and the first one on deck!"

Leon J. Hedges

Leon J. Hedges, 59, retired Allegheny division conductor, died late in December at his home 18 Elmwood place, Hornell. Besides his widow, he is survived by two sons, Robert and John, and a daughter, Miss Mildred Hedges, all at home; two sisters, Mrs. Robert Geary of Hornell and Mrs. Margaret Spiegel of Rochester; three brothers, Frank Hedges of Rochester, Bernard Hedges of Flint, Mich., and George Hedges of Hornell.