

DEATHS IN THE ERIE FAMILY

J. R. Garrabrant

The rank and file of the Allegany and Bradford Divisions mourn the death of J. R. Garrabrant, Signal Supervisor of the Division, who passed away March 8th, at the Booth Memorial Hospital, New York, which he entered three weeks previous for an operation. Following the operation, it appeared that Mr. Garrabrant would recover but his strength was not equal to the shock of the operation. Mr. Garrabrant was 50 years of age. He entered Erie service August 18, 1897, and subsequently worked his way up from signal helper, New York Terminal, to signal supervisor of the Allegany and Bradford Division. Mr. Garrabrant leaves a host of friends along the Erie. He was a staunch friend, a welcomed co-worker, and he had the best interests of the development of his men and the Erie at heart. He is survived by his widow; a daughter, Mrs. Wm. Marsh, of Warren, O.; a stepson, Walter Conroy, and stepdaughter, Mrs. Charles Goodsell, both of Salamanca; two grandchildren, and a brother, Charles Garrabrant, of Passaic, N. J.

Charles L. Frank

Charles L. Frank, Erie engineer for 49 years, died last month at his home, 44 Prospect street, Oakland side, Susquehanna. He was widely known along the Delaware division and for many years ran the Matt Shay locomotive. Mr. Frank is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Oscar Holmberg and Mrs. Clayton Forbes of Susquehanna, a son, William Frank, and a brother, Dr. Leslie Frank, Buffalo.

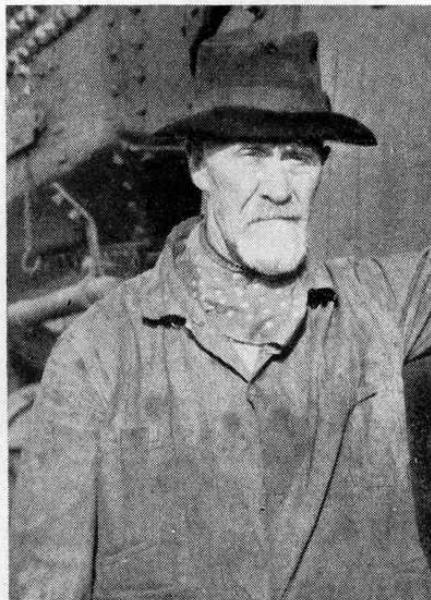
Oscar W. Saalfield

Oscar W. Saalfield, 49, engineer on the Buffalo & South Western branch of the Erie, died last January of lobar pneumonia. Mr. Saalfield began as a fireman on the division in 1908 and was promoted to engineer in 1912. His passing after a brief illness was a shock to his many friends and associates.

Patrick H. Corbett

Patrick H. Corbett, retired section foreman of Steamburg, N. Y.,

passed away last January at Clifton Springs, N. Y. He entered the service of the Atlantic & Great Western (now Erie) as a water



Charles L. Frank

boy in 1878 and was continuously employed until about a year ago, when he was retired on a special allowance. He is survived by one sister and one brother.

William H. Quandt

William H. Quandt, 64, popular freight conductor on the Erie's



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Buffalo & South Western division, died in February at his home, 136 Indian Church road, Buffalo. He began as a brakeman in 1900 and was promoted to freight conductor five years later, holding this position on trains 77 and 176 between Buffalo and Meadville at the time of his death. Conductor Quandt died of lobar pneumonia two days after Oscar Saalfield, the engineer on trains 77 and 176, passed on from the same illness.

John F. Keating

John F. Keating, retired conductor on trains between Blossburg and Hoytville, died last month at Blossburg. He was 81 and had been in Erie service since 1876. He is survived by his daughter, Miss Minnie Keating, of Blossburg.

A. Dwight Gleason

A. Dwight Gleason, 63, telegraph and station agent on the Erie for 35 years, died in Hornell last month, a few days after he had been appointed station agent at Canaseraga. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Irma H. Gleason, a son, Thurlow, a daughter, Mrs. Charles McTarnaghan, and three sisters.

Mark Jolls

Mark Jolls, for 51 years an employe of the Erie, passed away January 14th in Philadelphia, where he had been residing since he was pensioned two years ago. Mark began his career with the old New York, Lake Erie and Western in 1877. He was General Yard Master in Elmira for 25 years and during the latter part of his actual service with the Erie was at Waverly, N. Y., as Yard Clerk. Mark was well known along the Erie, especially by the Old Timers, and he was well liked. He is survived by his wife, Frances Gertrude Jolls, and three sons, John Myron, George W., and Mark Earl Jolls, and two grandchildren, Gertrude Mary Jolls-Winde and Mark Earl Jolls, Jr. He was 83. Burial at Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira, was in charge of the Masons.

John P. Reddington

John P. "Spot" Reddington of 34 Lincoln street, Passaic, widely

known New York division engineer, died last February in hospital in New York from injuries received in a railroad accident at Port Jervis last October. Mr. Reddington was 58. He began with the Erie as a fireman in 1889 and became passenger engineer in 1907. He handled the following through line passenger trains on the New York division: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14. Mr. Reddington is survived by his widow, Mary Reddington, two sons, a daughter and a sister.

He earned the nickname of "Spot" because of his promptness with trains and in other matters.

Frederick Balmos

Frederick Balmos, 84, retired Erie brakeman and watchman, died last February at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. Chiapperine, 816 Tacoma avenue, Buffalo. The funeral was held in Port Jervis, where Mr. Balmos formerly lived.

John J. Kinney

John J. Kinney, 69, retired Erie passenger conductor, who ran between Hornell and Salamanca for many years, died last February at the family home, 99 Hill street, Hornell. He had been in Erie service 42 years. He is survived by two sons, Harold Kinney of Hornell and Raymond Kinney of Dansville; two daughters, Misses Lauretta and Marguerite of Hornell; a brother, Thomas Kinney, and a sister, Mary Ann Kinney, also of Hornell.

Charles Davidson

Charles Davidson of 34 School street, Hornell, where he was employed in the Erie shops, died last February in hospital. Besides his widow he is survived by two brothers, Frank Davidson of Hornell and Fred Davidson of Angelica; also three sisters living in Fremont.

Frank A. Pees

Frank A. Pees, 69, veteran rate clerk at Meadville, in Erie service 48 years, died Feb. 28 of pneumonia. He was affectionately known as Dad to associates and many friends. He leaves to mourn him his widow, two sons, several grandchildren and brothers and sisters.

John L. Davidson

John L. Davidson, veteran Erie passenger engineer, died last February at his home, 375 Park ave-

nue, Youngstown. He had been with the Erie 32 years and lived in Youngstown for the past 30. He is survived by his widow, Hattie



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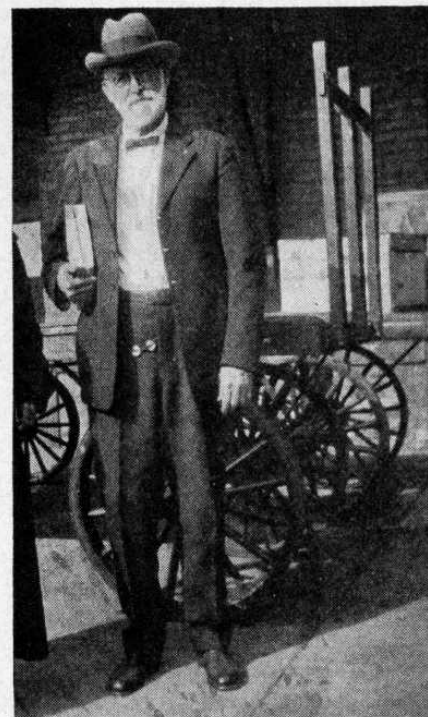
Winchell Davidson, and two children, Howard L. and Sarah Davidson. He was a member of the B. of L. E., Erie Veterans Association, and M. E. church.

Samuel H. Garrison

Samuel H. Garrison, Erie New York division trainman for many years, died at his home, 20 Bennet street, Port Jervis, last month. He is survived by his widow, who was Annie G. Hunt, and two sisters, Mrs. Hannah Blackman of Matamoras and Mrs. H. Y. Westbrook of Baltimore.

William Gill

William Gill, 73, for 40 years a



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clerk in the Erie freight office at Youngstown, where he was widely known, died last February at his home, 5515 Southern boulevard. He had been blind for the past eight years, but continued to play cribbage with his friends. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Jeanette Porter Gill, and the following children: Allen Gill, Seattle, Paul Gill, Beaver Falls, Pa., Robert Gill, Cleveland, Wilbur and Myrtle Gill, Youngstown, and Mrs. Earl Reeble, New Castle, Pa.

James McVeigh

James McVeigh, 63, Erie station agent at New Hampton, N. Y., died last month of heart disease. He belonged to the Grange and the K. of C. He is survived by his wife, a brother and sister.

John Mills

John Mills, widely known engineer, formerly on the Allegany division, died at Marietta, O., last month in his 81st year. He is survived by a brother, Rueben Mills of Wellsville, where funeral services were held.

Richard P. Fitzgerald

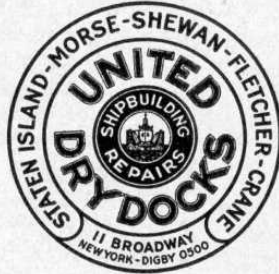
Richard P. Fitzgerald, for many years an Erie wrecking foreman and one of the oldest residents of Susquehanna, died there last February. His father was one of the pioneers in Susquehanna, having come there with the building of the Erie. He is survived by his wife and many children, including: Sister M. Genevieve of Holy Rosary Convent, Scranton; Mrs. William McClelland, Mrs. C. Myer Fairchild of Susquehanna; Mrs. William Mack of Carbondale; Mrs. James Foley of Binghamton, and Robert J. Fitzgerald at home, and thirteen grandchildren.

Charles W. Greer

Charles W. Greer, for many years conductor on the New York division of the Erie, died last month at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wesley Drake, 205 East Main street, Port Jervis. Mr. Greer was born at Howells in 1852 but lived the greater part of his life in Port Jervis, where he was widely known. Among the survivors are two daughters, Della, wife of James Buley, of Poughkeepsie, and Mae, wife of Wesley Drake, of Port Jervis and two sons, Harry W., of Port Jervis and Charles Irving, of Yulan. (Continued on page 46)

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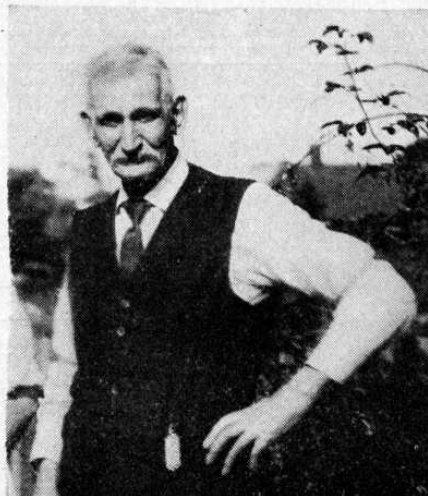
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George Everitt

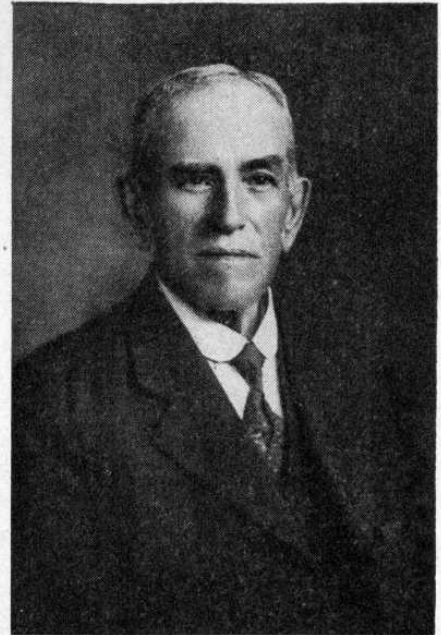
George Everitt, veteran conductor on the New York, Susquehanna & Western branch of the Erie, who was retired last year after 34 years' service, died last month. He was 66 years of age.



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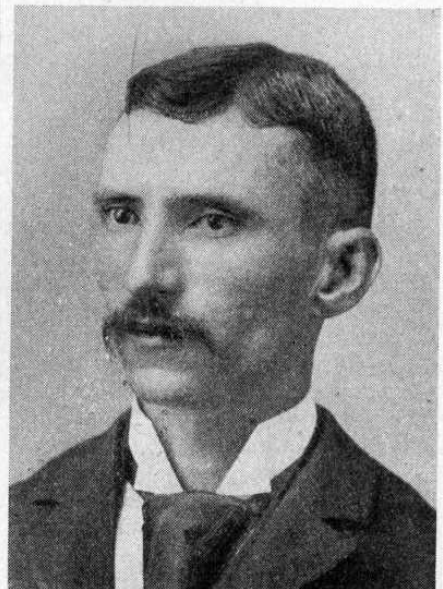
James H. Reed, 71, veteran New York division baggageman who entered the service in 1889, died on March 5th.



George Everitt

John A. Space

John A. Space, 66 years of age, retired Erie conductor, died at Port Jervis on March 8th. He began as a brakeman in 1892. He is survived by his widow, who was Rose Van Gorder, two brothers, Peter of Sparrowsbush and William of Amity; a niece, Mrs. Amy Drake with whom he made his home at 90 East Main street and two nephews, Kenneth and Jack Drake, of Port Jervis.



James H. Reed

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