

DEATHS IN THE ERIE FAMILY



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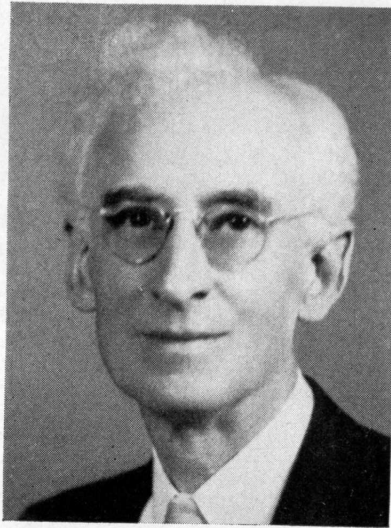
DeWitt C. Paxson, 89, retired engineer, died Feb. 26 at his home, 126 Babcock street, Buffalo. He entered Erie service as a fireman in 1880, was promoted to engineer in 1890 and served in that capacity until he retired June 1, 1929. He was a prominent Odd Fellow and several years ago was awarded a jeweled emblem in token of his long fraternal service. He was also active in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Div. 15, and the Erie Railroad Veterans Association. He is survived by a brother, A. B. Paxson, of Devil's Lake, N. D.

John Carter

John Carter, 86, retired engineer, died Feb. 26 in Williamsville, N. Y., where he lived at 57 Rine-walt street. He had been in Erie service more than 50 years. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Div. 15, and the Erie Railroad Veterans Association. Surviving are his widow, Louise, and a son, William.

Stanley H. Root

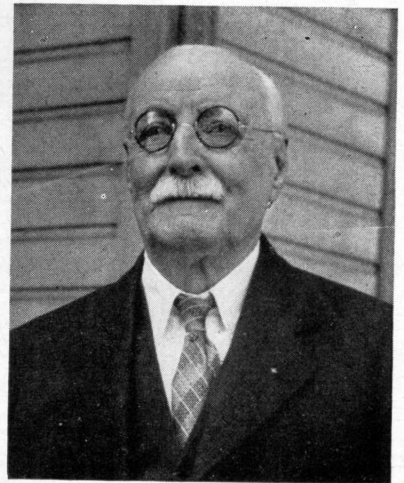
Stanley H. Root, 62, police sergeant for the Erie at North Tonawanda, N. Y., died Feb. 15 at his home, River Road, Wheatfield, several hours after he had been stricken with a heart attack as he was leaving for work. He is survived by his widow and a daughter.



Albert Sutherby

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Albert Sutherby, 72, retired master mechanic, died March 4 at his home in Alliance, O. He entered Erie service as a machinist at Hornell (then Hornellsville) in February, 1893. Five years later he was promoted to gang foreman. Subsequently he was piecework checker at Meadville, asst. to the general foreman at Hornell, general foreman at Meadville and Huntington, general inspector and asst. master mechanic. In July, 1918, he was promoted to master mechanic Mahoning division, with headquarters at Cleveland, where he served until his voluntary retirement on Aug. 31, 1938. He was a familiar figure at annual outings of the Erie veterans. Mr. Sutherby was well known in church and music circles in Cleveland, where he sang in the choir of the First Methodist church and had served as choir director of Parkwood Methodist church. His daughter Miss Thirza Sutherby, is superintendent of music in Alliance schools and a teacher at the Conservatory of Music of Mt. Union College there. Other survivors are his widow, Rebecca, and daughters, Mrs. J. C. Heyberger, Canistota, N. Y., Mrs. Robert Work, Cleveland, and Miss Doris Sutherby, Alliance; three grandchildren; a sister in Manchester, England and several nephews and nieces.



Andrew G. Strachan

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Andrew G. Strachan, 92, oldest retired Erie man in Meadville, died in hospital there March 7. Mr. Strachan began his railroad career as a water boy on the old Atlantic & Great Western (now Erie) when he was less than 15 years old. Shortly afterward he began training as a machinist in Meadville shops and continued in that trade until he was promoted to foreman of the rod repair shop. When that job became too strenuous, due to his age, he went back to his machinist job, where he continued until his retirement on Oct. 1, 1927. He had been on the payroll of the A. & G. W. and Erie in active and retired service for over 77 years. He was a member of the B. P. O. E., the Masons and the First Presbyterian church, also the Erie Railroad Veterans association. Surviving are four children, Mrs. Ray Kelsey and Mrs. James G. Cole of Franklin; Andrew M. and Miss Marjorie, at home; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

M. G. Shulenberger

M. G. Shulenberger, 41, agent at Creston, O., since April 1, 1939, died in hospital at Wooster, O., Feb. 3, after a brief illness. He entered Erie service as agent at Burbank, O., Feb. 3, 1920. His widow survives.

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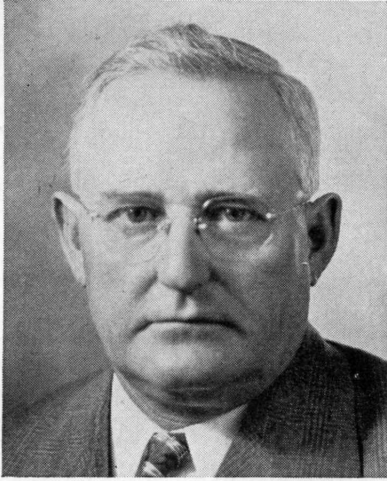
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Oren Morey

Oren Morey, 52, foreman of Section 3 at Kenton, O., died in hospital there on Feb. 11. He had been



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in Erie service 27 years and was local chairman of Lodge 1730, Sub-Div. 1, Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way employees. Surviving are the widow and two daughters, Mrs. Glendora Briant and Mrs. Wanda Stengle.

Eugene J. Beck

Eugene J. Beck, 52, machinist, died March 1 in hospital at Meadville, where he had lived for the past 45 years. He was a member of Trinity church, Masonic lodge,



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No. 234, the B. A. R. E. and the Erie Veterans association. He is survived by his widow, Ruth; two daughters, Mrs. Lawrence Albaugh, Meadville, and Dorothy, at home; a sister and four brothers.

Squire M. Midgley

Squire M. Midgley, 77, retired Kent division conductor, died suddenly at his home, 455 South Prospect street, Marion, Feb. 24. He had been in Erie service for 48 years and eight months when he retired

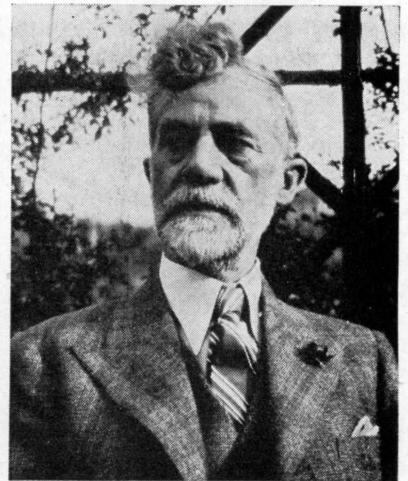


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in 1937. The last 25 years he was a passenger conductor. He was a native of Yorkshire, England, and came to this country as a young man. He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 70. Besides his widow and a son, Merle, he leaves five brothers, George W. of Pittsburgh, Thomas and Walter of Mechanicsburg, Asa of Springfield and the Rev. J. A. Midgley of Cleveland.

A. O. Roberts

Alfred O. Roberts, 73, retired engineer, died at his home on Kingston avenue, Port Jervis, Feb. 25, after a long illness. He began with the Erie as a brakeman in 1890, was promoted to engineer in 1900



A. O. Roberts

and retired in October, 1938. Besides his widow, he is survived by a son, Henry, of Port Jervis; four grandchildren, Alfred Roberts of Middletown; Eugene, Betty and Billy Roberts of Port Jervis, and two brothers, Henry and Thomas Roberts of Sheffield, England.

Thought alone is eternal.—Owen Meredith.

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