

DEATHS IN THE ERIE FAMILY

John K. Chapman

John K. Chapman, 94, familiarly known as "J.K." and "the grand old man of the Erie," on account of his record of three quarters of a century on the road, died March 25th at his home, 29 Union street, in Hornell where he was one of the most widely known residents. Mr. Chapman was born in Friendship, Allegany County, Oct. 4, 1836. He began with the Erie, then the New York and Erie, Oct. 2, 1854, as fireman on engine 34, called The Footboard, an old wood burner, operating on what is now the Susquehanna division. The Civil War interrupted his railroad career and he joined the 9th N. Y. Cavalry and served at Gettysburg. After three years in the army Mr. Chapman returned to the Erie and was present with his father who had helped in its construction at the meeting of the eastern and western ends of the railroad near Cuba. Mr. Chapman was promoted to engineer and for 24 years ran Erie locomotives. In 1886 he was made road foreman of engines. He attracted widespread attention for many years as the Erie's oldest employee and won many compliments from its officers and from prominent citizens throughout the land. He was active in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Masonic order, Christ Episcopal church and the G.A.R. He came from a family remarkable for its longevity, his parents living to old age. Mr. Chapman is survived by a sister, Mrs. Laura Goodwin of Hornell who is 93; a brother, Harrison S. Chapman of Elmira, who is past 80; a daughter, Mrs. William O. Pierce with whom he lived; a niece, two grandchildren and one great grandchild. Pall bearers were Harold Jones, Edward O'Connor and Herbert Hollands of Christ church and Marcus Peck, L. F. Eisenhardt and J. V. Barber of the engineers brotherhood. Burial was in Hope cemetery.

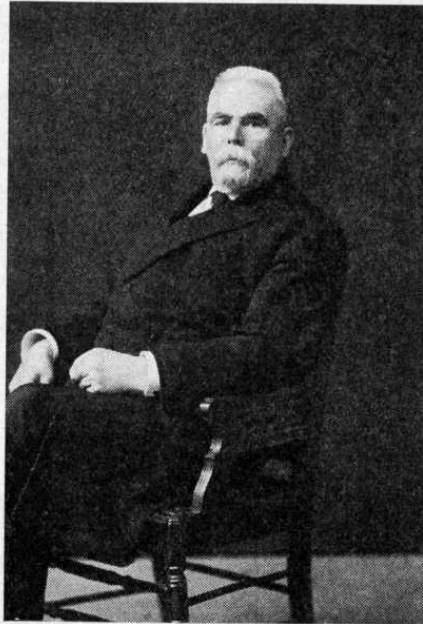
David Thomas Keefe

David Thomas Keefe, veteran fireman and engineer on the Erie for nearly 50 years, died on March 9th at 73 years of age at his home in Honolulu.

Edward Joseph Black

Edward Joseph Black, New York

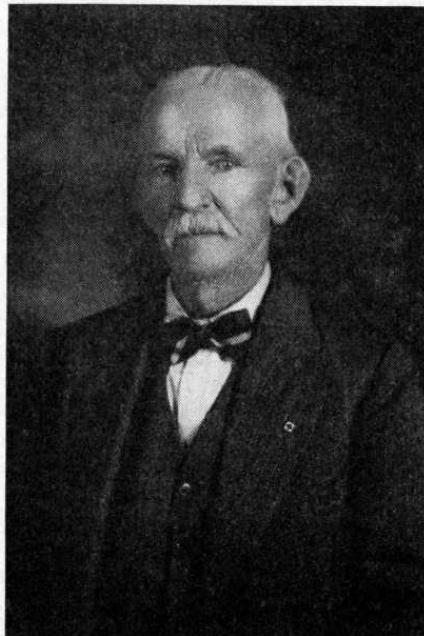
division clerk, who began in the ticket office at Chambers street, New York, died April 2d. He was 27.



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Edward J. Cullen

Edward J. Cullen, veteran Erie telegrapher, died last March in St. Mary's hospital, Rochester, aged 77. He was a native of LeRoy, N. Y., and an associate of Dan Fonda and John Emerson, also



Charles W. Greer, veteran yard conductor on the New York Division, an account of whose death appeared in last month's magazine.

telegraphers of LeRoy. Mr. Cullen was former personal and private telegrapher to the late James Fiske, president of the Erie. Afterward he became agent at LeRoy for the United States Express, next going to Scranton for the Company and finally to Oswego, N. Y. He was one of the last of the old generation of telegraphers. He is survived by a son, Charles, of New York; a sister, Mrs. Catherine Noon, of Rochester, and two nieces. He was a member of the K. of C. Burial was in LeRoy.

Ernest G. Redans

Ernest G. Redans, 79, retired veteran passenger conductor of the Erie, died April 2d at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles F. Jekel, 5100 Walnut street, B2, Philadelphia. He was one of four brothers, all in train service on the Erie's Buffalo division for a total of 207 years, and is the third of the quartet to pass on. The first to die was John F. Redans, passenger conductor with 57 years' service, who went in 1930.

The second, Frank Redans, veteran Erie engineer of 43 years' service, died at Buffalo in February. The surviving member of the group is Augustus H. Redans, engineer, with 44 years' service. Ernest G. Redans was retired in July, 1930, after 65 years' service. Officers of Division No. 2, Order of Railway Conductors, were at the services. Burial was in Forest Lawn, Buffalo.

Henry Deibert

Henry Deibert, 73, Erie carman, died at his home, 129 Olney avenue, Marion, last month. Besides his widow, Mrs. Minetta Childers Deibert, he leaves a son, John C. Deibert of 133 Homer street.

William J. Murray

William J. Murray, 58, Erie engineer for 40 years, died at his home, 244 Alameda avenue, Youngstown, last month. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Jane McConnon Murray, and the following daughters: Mrs. Charles Morley, Mrs. Joseph Dabin, and the Misses Estelle Murray, Anne Murray, Kathleen Murray, Lauritta Murray, and Isabel, all of Youngstown.

Walter L. Murphy

Walter L. Murphy, former baggage room employee of the Erie at Port Jervis, died in Hawthorne, N. Y., last month. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Samuel Walters of Port Jervis and Mrs. John Walsh of Newark, and one brother, Alfred C. Murphy of Middletown.

Charles J. Munson

Charles J. Munson, veteran Erie conductor of 35 years' service, died last month at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. J. Baumgardner, 146 Front street, Port Jervis. Members of the B. of R. T. Lodge conducted the services.

Charles E. Hackett

Charles E. Hackett, 86, veteran conductor who was in Erie service 37 years until his retirement in 1912, died last March at 10 Washington street, Hornell. He was a Civil War veteran and widely known in Hornell, where he had lived for 52 years.

Embert D. Howard

Embert D. Howard, for 38 years station agent and operator on the Buffalo Division of the Erie, died at his home in Hunts, N. Y., March 29th, following two years' illness. He was born at Dale, N. Y., May 9th, 1871, and lived in that vicinity until 21, when he moved to Hunts. He was a faithful member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and the Masonic fraternity for 31 years, and served as postmaster for eight years. He leaves to mourn his loss his widow, Mrs. Mabelle Howard, one daughter, Elma, and one son, Duane, an operator on the Buffalo and South-western branch.

Patrick H. O'Malley

Patrick H. O'Malley, employed for many years as a pipe-fitter in the Port Jervis shops of the Erie, died at his home, 141 Front street, February 2d, after a long illness. Mr. O'Malley was born in Devonshire, England, and for a time lived in Scranton, Pa. He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Katherine Reynolds of Carbondale, and six sons, Patrick, Hollywood movie actor, Charles of Hollywood, Joseph of Louisville, James, Harold and Rex of Port Jervis, and five daughters, Mrs. Mae Horan, Mrs. Michael Butler, Dorothy and Vivian of Port Jervis, Mrs. Carl Wyman of Middletown. Mr. O'Malley was a member of Holy Name Society, E l k s ,

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A.O.W., B.A.R.E., and St. Mary's church, from which the funeral was held.

John C. Kolb

John C. Kolb, widely known Erie employe at Warren, O., died at his



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home in Leavittsburg last month. He is survived by four sisters, Mrs. W. Powell, Mrs. George F. Sladden, and Mrs. A. Kolb of Cleveland, and Mrs. J. M. Bowden of Pittsburgh. Mr. Kolb was a member of the Ellsworth Lodge of Masons, the Royal Arcanum,



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Scottish Rite and the First Baptist Church. Pallbearers were Erie employes.

Charles Frailey

Charles Frailey, retired Erie section foreman, died last March at his home in Shohola near Port Jervis at the age of 72. He is survived by a son, Lewis, of Port Jervis, and four daughters, Mrs. Hazel Keller of Matamoras, Mrs. Grace Smith of Montgomery and Mrs. Edna Bell and Mrs. A. Malvin of New York.

John Garbarini

John Garbarini, foreman at the Erie's Pier A at Edgewater, died suddenly March 22. He began as a checker at Weehawken on July 1, 1916, was transferred to the contractors at Edgewater on May 10, 1917, and promoted to foreman at Pier A on March 13, 1927, where he served until his death.

Albert Van Hoesen

Albert Van Hoesen, who was employed for many years in the Erie's Susquehanna shops, died last month at his home near Susquehanna. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Eleanor and Edith; his parents in Starucca, and a sister, Mrs. Ralph Scott of Maryland, N. Y.

Henry Westfall

Henry Westfall, 72, for 50 years in the operating branch of the Erie
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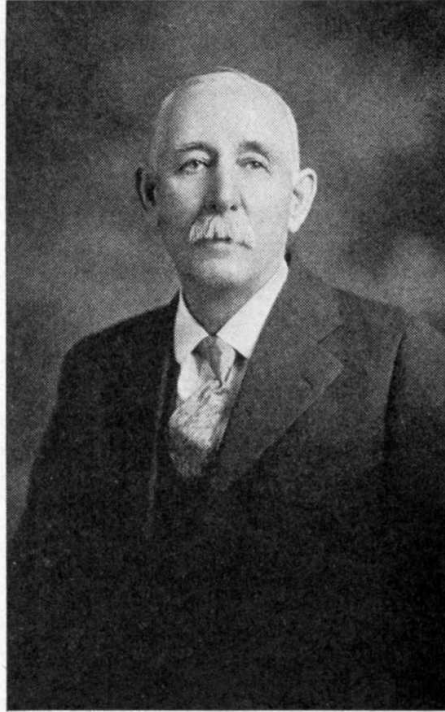
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service, died last March in Matamoras. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mary Wright and Mrs. Elizabeth Sayers of Matamoras.

Leo M. Livio

Leo M. Livio, 22, Erie telegrapher of Hackensack, died in a sanitarium last month, after a week's illness. He is survived by his



John A. Space

John A. Space, 66, veteran yard conductor of Port Jervis, who died in March. An account of his passing was carried in the April magazine.

parents; two brothers, John and Joseph, and three sisters, Lillian, Victoria and Genevieve of Paterson.

George Wilson Bartlett

George Wilson Bartlett, 62, machinist in the Erie roundhouse at Marion, died at his home, 375 Scranton avenue, last month. Besides his widow, he leaves five grandchildren and four sisters.

Captain J. W. Holt

Captain J. W. Holt of the Erie police, who was shot on his 43d birthday by one of six trespassers he had arrested in Meadville yard, died in hospital there April 14. He had been with the Erie 13 years, at Youngstown and Meadville. He leaves a widow and four boys, who live in Cullum street, Meadville.