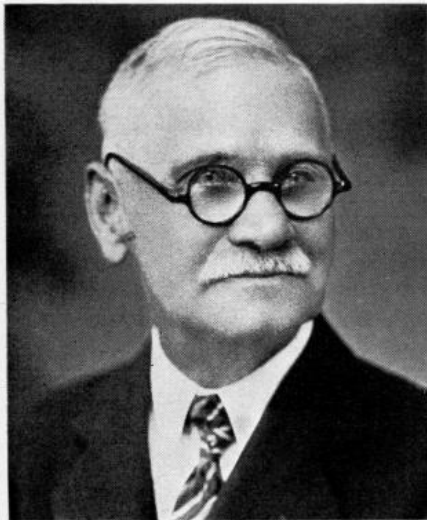


DEATHS IN THE ERIE FAMILY



William A. Sturms

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William A. Sturms, former chief clerk to the chief dispatcher at Jersey City, who was retired on special allowance in January, 1932, after continuous service of 55 years, died of injuries suffered in an automobile accident March 18th. His age was 80. He began as a telegrapher on the New York division. He was one of the survivors of the famous blizzard in March, 1888, and was marooned at his post of duty for three days.

Orpheus Brooks Goff

Orpheus Brooks Goff, 91, retired Erie conductor of 40 years service, 26 of which he passed on the Susquehanna division, died March 21st at his home in Canisteo. He was the last Canisteo member of the G.A.R. He fought sixteen engagements and was never ill or wounded. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Smith, Hornell, and Mrs. Helen Davis, Pasadena, Calif., and several nieces and nephews.

Frank H. Ash

Frank H. Ash, 87, retired painter of 29 years service, died in Spencer hospital, Meadville, April 4th, after three days' illness. He was popular with the shop men and had many friends in town. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Maud Höck, with whom he made his home, and a grandson, John Shanley.

May, 1937



Harry Elmer Reed

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Harry Elmer Reed, 67, retired New York division engineer who served 44 years and 7 months, died at Avoca, Pa., March 18th. He began as a fireman in 1891. He lived at 114 Feronia Way, Rutherford, N. J.

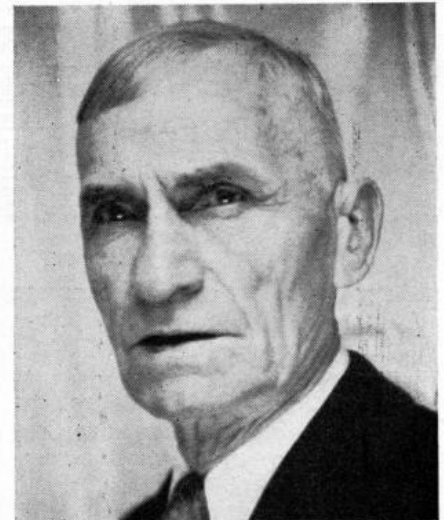
Mrs. W. H. Woodruff

Vice President R. E. Woodruff was called to Florida April 1st by the death of his mother, Mrs. W. H. Woodruff, 87, at her home at Avon Park. In addition to her son Robert, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Demos Mandis of Avon Park and Mrs. Matthew Mayer of Benton Harbor, Mich. Her husband died in January, 1936.

Nine Give Blood

Charles F. Cox, 52, of 886 Uncapher avenue, Marion, died in hospital April 6th from injuries received when he fell under a freight car in the local yards. Nine fellow workers offered their blood when transfusions were made. The blood of only two proved suitable. They were: L. L. Carey of Agosta and Stanley Wormell of 228 Merchand avenue. Others who offered their blood were: J. W. Roseberry of 312 South High street, yard brakeman; F. R. Murphy of 227 Windsor street, switch tender; F. L. Garvin of 311 Kensington place, switch tender; R. G. Grogg of 616 Pearl street, a yard clerk; L. A. Keller of 528 Forest street, yard master; E. M. Greenland, yard conductor of 583 North Prospect street and George A. Seebach of 869 Henry street, yard brakeman.

Surviving are the widow, one son, Howard Cox of Columbus, a sister, Mrs. Ida Wilkins of Patoka, Ill., and two brothers, Frank and Lloyd of Columbus.



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William Franklin, 73, retired switch tender on the Erie's New York division, who served 53 years, died in hospital at Port Jervis April 7th. He was an ardent baseball fan and umpired many of the local games. He lived at 2 Francis street and is survived by one sister, Mrs. Mary Cleary, of Port Jervis; one son, Ralph, of Connecticut; one daughter, Mrs. Arthur O'Hara, of Port Jervis, one step-son, Homer McLain, of Port Jervis, and one step-daughter, Mrs. Hazel M. Mager, of Matamoras.

James A. Boyle

James A. Boyle, 55, yard conductor for the last 20 years of his 35 years service with the Erie, died in hospital at Port Jervis April 2nd. He was an alderman, member of the K. of C., B. of R. T. and B. of A. R. E. Besides his wife he is survived by two sons, Bradley and James; his mother, Mrs. Catherine Boyle, and two brothers, Edward S. and Cornelius, all of Port Jervis.

Casper Easterly

Casper Easterly, former section foreman, at Attica, N. Y. died March 12. Mr. Easterly was born in Machias, N. Y., Nov. 17, 1882 and entered Erie service in July, 1910 as laborer at Hornell. He worked continuously as trackman,

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assistant track foreman and section foreman until January 4th when he became ill. Surviving is his widow, Estella Cockrill Easterly, three sons and one daughter.

Lemuel F. Caster

Lemuel F. Caster, of Stillwater, N. J., Erie section foreman for 26 years, died April 11th. Besides the widow, Mrs. Catherine Caster, three daughters by a former marriage, survive. They are Mrs. George Decker of Newton, Miss Hilda Caster at home and Mrs. Floyd Specht of Belleville, N. J.

Guy W. Eley

Guy W. Eley, signal maintainer at Avon, N. Y., died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Barnes, Warsaw, N. Y., on March 17th after a short illness. He was born in Warsaw, Nov. 18, 1892, son of Jacob Eley and Caroline Smithy. Mr. Eley had been employed in various capacities in the signal department of the Buffalo and

Rochester divisions since June 21, 1916, except for service in the World War, Nov. 21, 1917 to May 22, 1919, during which time he served with the A. E. F. in France and took part in the St. Mihiel Offensive from Sept. 12th to 16th, 1918 and the Meuse-Argonne from Oct. 18th to Nov. 11th, 1918. He was a faithful employe of the Erie and his passing is mourned by a host of friends who recall his many good qualities.



Guy W. Eley

Paul Rogers Curtin

Paul Rogers Curtin, district land and tax agent for the Erie, died at his home, 14 North Putnam street, Buffalo, March 25. His age was 34. As a rising lawyer he was associated with many important cases in Western New York before coming to the Erie at Corning, his birthplace, in 1929. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Margaret Coyle Curtin, a 21-months-old son, Thomas R., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Curtin of Buffalo. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Corning, after services at St. Patrick's church.

Mrs. Margaret Ann O'Donnell

Mrs. Margaret Ann O'Donnell, mother of Alice G. O'Donnell, chief telephone operator of the Erie at Jersey City, died Mar. 3 at her home, 751 Fourteenth avenue, Paterson, N. J. Miss O'Donnell's father, Michael, a former Erie employe, died in 1933. Other survivors are: Four daughters, Miss Loretta C. O'Donnell of New York; Miss Bertha M. O'Donnell, Mrs

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King and Queen Like Travel By Rail

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ter, St. Andrew and St. Patrick.

In the King's salon there is an office section and a smoking salon, with a sleeping salon connected thereto. A bathroom and attendant's section completes the car. The Queen's salon has a day salon with a blue interior color scheme, satinwood furniture, and Georgian decorations. Furniture in the Queen's bedroom is covered in blue silk brocade.

Behind the two Royal cars is marshaled a dining-car, of standard design, wherein food for the Royal party is prepared and served by specially chosen members of the railroad catering forces. The complete train is linked up by an elaborate telephone system, and is hauled by a standard fast passenger locomotive of whatever railroad company's system is being covered. Incidentally, a King does not travel free by railroad in Britain. A charge is made to the Royal Household for the use of the special train, just as in the case of a private individual chartering special transportation.

Quiet efficiency and dignity are the keynotes of British Royal travel. The Royal train is distinctly comfortable and smooth riding, but the accommodation provided really is little more luxurious than you or I would enjoy in the course of an ordinary railroad journey. Conveying Royalty is a big responsibility for the railroadman, but it is a big privilege to British employes. Railroad depots throughout Britain are gaily decorated for the Coronation, and we feel sure American railroad folk will gladly re-echo our earnest prayer: "God Save The King!"

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William G. Cook and Mrs. Charles J. Carpenter; two sons, Wallace M., and Vincent C. O'Donnell; six sisters, Mrs. Sarah O'Brien, Mrs. Mary Pundt, Mrs. Frank H. Smith, Miss Flora A. Gilshion, Mrs. Andrew Burnay, Mrs. Alice Smith, all of Brooklyn; one brother, Charles Gilshion of Port Jervis; four grandchildren, William G. Cooke, Jr., Vincent O'Donnell, Jr., Margaret Mary O'Donnell and Paul Carpenter.

Archibald M. Peebles

Archibald M. Peebles, 69, veteran Erie engineer of 49 years service, died April 14 at his home, 139 Newton Avenue, Jamestown. He was injured in an automobile accident last March. Mr. Peebles was a Mason, Baptist and member of the B. of L. E.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Sara Peebles; a daughter, Mrs. Wayne Rightmyer; a granddaughter, Miss Dorothy Rightmyer of Jamestown; a brother, Fred Peebles of Willoughby, O., and a nephew, Harry Peebles of Cleveland. Burial was in Meadville, his birthplace.

Rudolph Walter Johnson

Rudolph Walter Johnson, 33, Erie switchman of 453 Willard street, Jamestown, N. Y., died of a heart attack Apr. 10. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Bradway Johnson; a daughter, Martha, and a son, Duane Johnson; his mother, Mrs. Mathilda Johnson.

C. L. Edinger

Clarence L. Edinger, 63, former safety inspector of the Erie and for 20 years Mayor of Stroudsburg, Pa., died Apr. 11 at his home, 237 Main street, Hornell. A boxing enthusiast, Mr. Edinger was a friend of Gene Tunney, former heavyweight champion. He was a Mason and formerly active in the Erie veteran movement. He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Ethel Quick; two brothers, Walter and Milton and several grandchildren.

W. G. King

W. G. King, 54, Erie resident engineer, who had been on sick leave for six months, died at the home of his mother, 678 Pingree Ave., Detroit, Apr. 9th. Burial was at Pontiac, Mich. Mr. King began with the Erie as chainman on the Graham Line in 1905 and with the exception of his World War service period and for two years thereafter had continued in its service. Most important construction projects with which he was identified were the Graham Line, River Line and grade crossing eliminations at Buffalo, Akron, O., Avon, N. Y., and work at Middletown and Monroe. He was a conscientious and loyal employee who earned the confidence and respect of officers and co-workers.