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Philip Barber, Banker, Dies

Englewood
Local Man Headed
Two Eaton Banks

Philip H. Barber of 47 Guest St., retired dean of Eaton County bankers and great-grandson of one of the founders of Vermontville, died yesterday afternoon in a local hospital, where he had been a patient only about an hour and a half.



Philip H. Barber

A Battle Creek resident the past 45 years, Mr. Barber had retired in 1960 as a senior vice president of the Michigan National Bank in charge of its Charlotte branch. He and his wife had spent winters in Arizona.

He was born in Vermontville, a son of Edward Dwight and Frances (Dancer) Barber. His father was a son of Homer G. Barber, a son of Edward Hinman Barber, who was a native of Benson, Vt., and one of the 13 incorporators of the village of Vermontville in 1836.

Succeeded His Father

Homer G. Barber, a merchant, organized the private Barber Bank in Vermontville in 1862. In 1907 the institution was incorporated as the Barber State Bank.

The son, Edward D., became president of the bank after his father's death in 1909 and also headed the Eaton County Savings Bank in Charlotte, which he was instrumental in organizing. After his death in 1931, his son, Philip H., headed both banking firms.

The two banks were merged at the end of 1954 and in 1959 were acquired by the Michigan National Bank, at which time Mr. Barber was named senior vice president in charge of the Charlotte bank.

In First World War

As a youth, he attended Howe Military Academy, graduating just in time to enlist in the Army during World War I. On April 24, 1922, in the chapel of Battle Creek's St. Thomas Episcopal Church, he was married to Helen Bollons Murphy, whom he had met while she was a music student at the University of Michigan.

Mr. Barber was a member and former vestryman of St. Thomas Church. In Charlotte, he was a charter member of the local American Legion Post and a senior active member of the Rotary Club.

He is survived by his wife and two nephews, Col. Homer G. Barber of Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and Edward G. Barber of Hastings. His two brothers, Vance and Keith, preceded him in death.

Friends may call at the Shaw Funeral Home, which will be in charge of funeral services at 11 a.m. Friday in St. Thomas Episcopal Church. The burial office for the dead will be conducted by the Rev. Charles P. James, rector of the church. Interment will be in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers will be Ervin Broeckert, Laurence E. Rogers, Max Bushong, Donald A. Zinn, William B. Otto and Richard Bruno.

Thomas A. Griffin Dies at Residence

Thomas A. Griffin, 84, of 629 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, died at midnight Thursday at his residence. He had been in ill health two years.

Mr. Griffin was born October 2, 1881 in Kalamo township, son of Albert and Addie (Farquar) Griffin. He was a retired stone mason and had been a resident of the Charlotte area his entire life. He was married September 10, 1952 in Kalamo to Nina Wood Griffin.

Surviving are the wife; a daughter, Mrs. Hortense Hess of Charlotte; two step-daughters, Mrs. Donald (Dorothy) Newland of Charlotte and Mrs. Andrew (Josephine) Williams of Brookfield township; a step-son, Robert Griffin of DeKalb, Illinois; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Burkhead-Cheney chapel. Burial was in Kalamo cemetery.

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Public Acts of 1927, 774.26 of the Code to chapter 14 to be read as follows:

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