

Death Claims Ex-Merchant

Earl B. Townsend, 84, Was Barry Official

Nashville—Earl B. Townsend, 84, retired Nashville businessman, died Friday at the home of Floyd Wells near Vermontville.

Mr. Townsend, who was born in Hastings township, operated a grocery here from 1900 to 1906. Then he and his brother, Ray, operated an elevator until 1914, when he sold out to Ray. From 1914-18 Mr. Townsend was Barry county register of deeds. From 1918-23 he was assistant cashier of the former State Savings bank of Nashville. He then moved to Florida, where he stayed until his return here in 1943.

Wife Died in 1947.

In 1895 he married Miss Ada Reynolds in Nashville. She died in 1947.

Surviving are two sons, Ralph of Detroit and Glenn of Clermont, Fla., eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 Monday at the Otto funeral home here. Burial will be in Lakeview cemetery.

Mrs. Nettie Dickinson, 85, died Friday morning at the home of her son, Glenn, 6740 Brown rd., where she had been ill for several months. Surviving are two sons, Glenn and Gilbert, Tampa, Fla.; two brothers, Grant Stuchler, Laingsburg, and R. D. Grant Stuchler, Greenville; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at the Otto funeral home in Vermontville. Rev. Marcus Taber of the Vermontville Methodist church will officiate. Burial will be in the Woodlawn cemetery in Vermontville.

SACKETT, MRS. ANNA Vermontville.

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Sackett, who died Saturday morning, were held at the Vermontville Congregational church at 3 p. m. Monday. Rev. D. D. Nixie and Rev. Willard Kime officiated with interment in the Gresham cemetery at Eaton county. Active bearers were Rhinehart Zemke, Alva Ames, Gerald Siple, Keith Seltz, Elwyn Granzer, Cleo Prescott. Honorary bearers were Ben Siple, Milton Sprague, Frank Seltz and Clifford Prescott. The body is at the Estes-Leadley funeral home until service time.

Services Held For John S. Stemler

John S. Stemler, 73, a well-known and most respected farmer of this area, passed away suddenly at his home, Route 1, Sunfield, Thursday evening, May 27th.

Mr. Stemler was born in Ontario, Canada on December 13, 1880, the son of Jacob and Catherine Stemler. In 1907, he was united in marriage to Nellie Monroe. He was a member of the Halladay United Brethren church. Mr. Stemler lived in the Sunfield area since he was six years old.

Surviving besides the widow are two sons, Kenneth of Sunfield and John of Portland; three daughters, Mrs. Margaret Shortz of Sunfield, Mrs. Vera Eastman and Mrs. Dorothy Wethey, both of Lansing; four daughters and one son have preceded him in death. One sister, Mrs. Mary Cogswell of Sunfield, and one brother, Peter, of Ionia, 18 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Mapes funeral home. Rev. Harold Cherry officiated with interment in Danby cemetery.

Pallbearers were A. C. Halladay, Burton Brown, Duncan McCormack, Will Petrie, Harold Augst and Carl Thrams.