

1949 Obituaries Published in Erie Railroad Magazine

Curtis Ackerman

Curtis Ackerman, retired New York division engineer, died June 7, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

John Walker Adams

John Walker Adams, 83, former statistician in the traffic vice-president's office, died Sept. 29 at Milford, Conn. Burial was at St. Paul Oct. 3.

Mr. Adams was born in New York City, Aug. 30, 1866. In 1908 he became general northwestern agent for the Erie Railroad in the Minneapolis and St. Paul territory.

In 1918 Mr. Adams was transferred to the New York traffic office as special representative and in 1921 was made special agent in the president's office. He held the position of statistician (traffic) from 1923 until retirement Nov. 1, 1942.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, November, 1949

Charles H. Allen

Charles H. Allen, 65, retired conductor, Scranton, died May 9, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, July, 1949

Frederick W. Allen

Frederick W. Allen, 78, Hornell, retired air brake machinist, died June 11, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

Anthony J. Ambuskey

Sympathy is extended to the family of Anthony J. Ambuskey, retired pipefitter, Salamanca, who died March 22, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, June, 1949

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C. C. Ayer

Clinton C. Ayer, 60, clerk in the Tariff Distribution Bureau of the Traffic department at Buffalo, died Feb. 5.

Mr. Ayer, who was born at Hunts, N.Y., started his employment with the company June 1, 1908, at Silver Springs, N.Y. and since then had held various positions, mostly in Buffalo.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, May, 1949

Josephine Baas

Josephine (Josie) Baas, former telephone operator, died July 31 at home in Dunmore, Pa., after a long illness.

A lifelong resident of Dunmore, she had been with the company for a number of years before her retirement a year ago.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, September, 1949

S. H. Ballard

Streeter H. Ballard, 55, Allegany division engineer, died April 7 at home in Hornell.

Mr. Ballard had been in Erie service since October, 1914.

Survivors are his widow, Virginia; two sons; two daughters; his mother, Mrs. Eliza Ballard, Indianapolis, and three grandchildren.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, July, 1949

Fred M. Barlow

Fred M. Barlow, Buffalo, retired freight conductor of 32 years of service, died October 17, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

James Barone

James Barone, Newark, retired trackman with 13 years, 8 months of service, died June 16, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

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William L. Beardsley

William L. Beardsley, 82, retired Buffalo division conductor, died Aug. 3 in the Odd Fellows Home in Lockport, N. Y., where he lived with his wife.

Mr. Beardsley retired July 1, 1937, after 42 years of active service.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, September, 1949

Charles Becker

Charles Becker, retired foreman, Dunmore, died recently at age 59, after 31 years of service.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, July, 1949

Ernest F. Bell

Ernest F. Bell, 60, retired machinist at Hornell backshop, died Feb. 9, 1949. He had resided in Almond, N. Y. for the past 26 years.

Mr. Bell started as a machinist helper in December, 1915 and was a machinist from August, 1918, until retirement in 1947. He was a member of the Almond Methodist Church and the Volunteer Fire Department.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

W. G. Bell

W. Glenn Bell, 61, freight agent for the Erie Railroad at Springfield, Ohio, died Nov. 1 (1948) following a heart attack.

Mr. Bell also was general manager, treasurer and director of the Springfield Suburban Railroad Co.

He organized the Ohio and Morenci Railroad Co. and was vice president and treasurer of this firm at his death. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Miami Valley Traffic Club and the Farmers Club.

Surviving are his widow, three daughters, two sons and six grand-children.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, January, 1949

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William B. Benedict



William B. Benedict, 69, of Long Beach, Calif., retired sergeant of police, died Dec. 18, 1948.

He was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., and entered Erie service in August 1922 as sergeant of police at Bradford, Pa. He worked at various locations, including Buffalo and Salamanca, and in 1931 was transferred to Olean. He retired in May 1944 and moved to California a short time later.

Surviving are his widow, a daughter and three granddaughters, all of Long Beach, and a son in Asbury Park, N. J.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, March, 1949

John E. Bertram

John E. Bertram, 73, retired machinist of the car department at Kent, died Nov. 11. He suffered a heart attack while cutting down a tree on his property.

Mr. Bertram began as messenger at Kent in 1889 and worked continuously in various positions until July 1, 1938, when he retired. He was machine shop foreman at one time.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

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F. E. Bishop

Frank E. Bishop, former Delaware division conductor, died April 12 at home in Port Jervis, aged 71 years.

He had been a resident of that city 50 years and an Erie employe more than 48 years.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter; four sons, a sister and several other relatives.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, June, 1949

J. Black

John Black, of Avoca, Pa., an Erie locomotive engineer for the past 38 years, died April 4 after a few days' illness.

He was a member of St. Mary's Church and its Holy Name Society, also of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

Surviving are his wife, live children, his mother and several other relatives.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, June, 1949

Everett W. Blatchley

Everett W. Blatchley of East Cuba, N.Y., a retired telegraph operator, died Nov. 26, 1949 after a lengthy illness. For 38 years he was employed by the Erie at CB tower, Cuba.

Surviving besides his wife are three daughters, one son, one sister, one brother and two grandchildren.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, February, 1949

A. Borrebach

Adrian Borrebach 90, retired per cent revision clerk, Auditor of Revenues, died Feb. 28 at Holliston, Mass.

Born in Holland in 1859, Mr. Borrebach started with the Erie in 1900 and served 37 years before his retirement. He was a conscientious worker, well liked and respected, and his entire service record was without blemish.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, May, 1949

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Emil B. Boucher

Emil B. Boucher, 30, caller, Binghamton, in service for 3 years, 7 months, died May 18, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, July, 1949

C.T. Breig

Following an illness of several months, Charles T. Breig, of Old Forge, Pa., died July 14, 1949. He was a native of Scranton and had been agent at Hillside Junction for many years.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, September, 1949

John C. Broadus

John Cooke Broadus, of Baton Rouge, La., retired chief clerk of the Engineering department, died Sept. 29 in his 87th year.

He was born in Lynchburg, Va., and educated at St. Johns Academy. After graduation he took a job as office boy with the Virginia Midland Railroad. Later he joined the Associated Railroads of Virginia and Carolina as ticket clerk and stenographer at Richmond.

In 1903 he came to the Erie as chief clerk in the Mechanical department at Jersey City. Later he became traveling auditor at Galion, and finally, chief clerk, Engineering department. He retired Aug. 31, 1938, and moved to Baton Rouge.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, November, 1949

Leo F. Bronkowski

Leo F. Bronkowski, 68, Salamanca, retired car repairer with a service record of 33 years, died September 30, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

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William J. Brown

William J. Brown, 63, of Paterson, New York Terminal division yardmaster at Jersey City, died Sept. 18 in his automobile in Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Paterson. He had just placed flowers upon the grave of his wife, the late Eleanor Kearney Brown, who died Nov. 18, 1948. The car was being driven from the cemetery by his sister-in-law, Miss Ethel F. Kearney, at the time he was stricken.

Mr. Brown began his career with the Erie Jan. 20, 1895, as a student helper on the New York division. In 1945 he was presented with a gold pass, good on the entire system, in recognition of 50 years of continuous service.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, November, 1949

A. H. Browning

Albert H. Browning, of Dunmore, Pa., a clerk for the Erie for the past 28 years, died Jan. 12. In recent years he had been employed at the Avoca station.

He was a member of Dunmore Church and the clerks association.

Survivors include his wife, mother, five sisters and four brothers.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, July, 1949

John J. Burns

John J. Burns, a retired Erie engine dispatcher and lifelong resident of Hornell, died there July 15.

Mr. Burns retired 10 years ago after 47 years with the company.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, September, 1949

Robert Byrnes

Robert Byrnes, Jersey City, barge captain with a service record of 25 years, died October 28, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

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Alfonso Calabrais

Sympathy is extended to the family of Alfonso Calabrais, retired trucker at Weehawken, who died September 22, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, November, 1949

Gerald Campbell

Gerald Campbell, 52, Greenville, brakeman, died July 16, 1949, two days after being seriously burned when the boiler on the locomotive he had been riding exploded near Ravenna.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, September, 1949

John Carbone

Ill since the beginning of the year, John Carbone, 52, a deckhand in the Erie Marine department, died July 27. He lived in Union City, N. J.

He was a native of Italy and came to the United States in 1922.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, September, 1949

S.K. Carpenter

Samuel Knight Carpenter, 91, of Port Jervis, a 50-year veteran of the Erie, died Feb. 15.

The greater part of his life was spent in Port Jervis, where he was a fireman on the New York Division. He retired 25 years ago.

Surviving relatives are several nieces and nephews.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, April, 1949

Forrest F. Carr

Forrest F. Carr, 65, Marion, general inspector with a service record of 44 years, died September 6, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, November, 1949

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Walter J. Carroll

Walter J. Carroll, 72, a clerk in the Auditor of Revenues department, died Sept. 4 in Crile V. A. Hospital, Parma, Ohio. In ill health since July, he retired Sept. 1 after 46 years' service.

Mr. Carroll, who took an active interest in civic, fraternal and cultural affairs in Cleveland, was a decorated veteran of the Spanish-American War and a valued member of the Erie Railroad Veterans Association.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

James Clancy

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Sarah Clancy and family on the death of her husband, James, Jan. 28, 1949, while walking near his home on Buffalo Street. Mr. Clancy was a machinist in the backshops, with 26 years of service.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, March, 1949

Timothy James Cleary

Timothy James Cleary, longtime storeroom employee at Brier Hill, died December 26, 1948 at age 51.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, February, 1949

Charles H. Clifford

Charles H. Clifford, 59, Dunmore, retired conductor of 41 years of service, died May 20, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

Lester V.R. Clum

Lester V. R. Clum, 79. of Bellmore. Long Island, died June 9. He retired in 1933 after 45 years of service.

Mr. Clum began as a clerk at Jersey City and held various clerical, supervisory and official positions, including assistant superintendent of transportation and car service agent.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

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Andrew L. Codd

Andrew L. Codd, East Buffalo, retired rate clerk with a service record 31 years, died October 8, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

Francis M. Coleman

Francis M. Coleman, 64, of Carbondale, Pa., former special inspector for the mechanical department, died Aug. 17 in the Wilson Memorial Hospital, Johnson City, N.Y. He retired in December 1948, having suffered a stroke a few months earlier.

A native of Carbondale, Mr. Coleman came to the Erie as a machinist at Susquehanna in October 1922 and remained there as roundhouse foreman and general foreman until July 1928. Thereafter most of his service was at Secaucus, Port Jervis and Avoca.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

Arthur Wilson Collom

Arthur Wilson Collom, 77, former Meadville division engineer, died June 12, 1949 after a long illness. He lived at 491 Walnut Street, Meadville.

Mr. Collom was first employed in the Meadville car shops and then worked as a locomotive fireman for several years. He became an engineer in 1902.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

A.F. Colombo

A. F. Colombo, 61, Youngstown, retired general yardmaster of 41 years of service, died August 5, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

G.J. Conroy

G. J. Conroy, 73, Paterson, retired leading plumber of 51 years of service, died August 4, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

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Dr. F. H. Cook

Dr. Floyd Harrison Cook, for 25 years an eye surgeon for the Erie, died April 12 at home in Akron, Ohio at age 67, after an illness of almost two years.

Dr. Cook was born in Wheeler, N. Y., near Hornell, and was graduated from Syracuse University Medical School. He then took a three-year postgraduate course in ophthalmology, the science of the structure, function and diseases of the eye. Next he entered the city health department in New York.

Not long after going to Akron in 1921, he became eye surgeon for the Erie. At the same time, he continued his regular practice and also served on the staff of City Hospital. He was a member of the city, county, state and national medical associations; the Cleveland Ophthalmological Society, Akron City Club and Phi-Beta Pi national medical fraternity.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, June, 1949

Harry G. Cooke



Harry G. Cooke, 60, assistant general freight agent at Detroit, died Jan. 8.

He was born in Rutland, Pa., and had been with the company since 1921 as traveling freight agent at Jersey City and Rochester; general agent, Albany; division freight agent, Rochester and Jamestown; general agent, Akron, and, since Jan. 1, 1947, assistant general freight agent, Detroit.

Mr. Cooke, an able and popular official, had been associated with traffic and advertising clubs and chambers of commerce in many cities.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, February, 1949

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Charles Earle Courter



Charles Earle Courter, assistant general freight agent in our New York rate department, died Feb. 12.

Mr. Courter entered the tariff bureau in New York in 1914 and had held various positions in the traffic department in New York and Cleveland.

He is survived by his widow, Charlotte, son Charles Earle, Jr., a student at Baldwin Wallace College, Berea, Ohio, and daughter Phyllis. The Courter home is at 151 Linden Avenue, Verona, N. J.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, April, 1949

William J. Cronk

William J. Cronk, Middletown, crossing watchman, died July 12, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, September, 1949

G.F. Daniels

G. F. Daniels, 78, formerly general agent at St. Louis, died Aug. 22, 1949 at Santa Monica, Calif., and was buried in Peoria, IL, Aug. 29. He retired 10 years ago.

Mr. Daniels joined the company in 1920 as commercial agent at Omaha, was promoted to general agent at Des Moines in 1922, and general agent, St. Louis, in 1927. He was well known among railroaders and shippers in the Midwest.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, November, 1949

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Charles D'Armond

Charles D'Armond, retired assistant chief clerk of the traffic vice-president's office, died in December, 1948. He lived in Queens Village, Long Island.

Good natured and affable, Charlie possessed a ready wit which endeared him to fellow workers. In 1923 he began as a stenographer in the office of the vice-president—traffic in New York and successively was secretary to vice-president, general clerk and assistant chief clerk. He retired March 31, 1947.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, February, 1949

J. Davies

Jesse Davies, 57, who retired in January as laboratory engineer in the test department at Meadville, died April 24. He had 33 years' service.

Mr. Davies was a member of F. and A. M. Lodge 408 and the Elks' Lodge.

Surviving are three sons, a brother, two sisters and five grandchildren.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, June, 1949

Nathaniel Decker

Nathaniel Decker, engineer at Binghamton, died March 30, 1949 while at work, the result of a heart attack.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, May, 1949

Richard DenBraven

Richard DenBraven, 52, requisition checker in the manager of stores office at Hornell, died Nov. 11 (1948).

He was born in Paterson, N.J., July 4, 1896, and in 1913 started as a clerk in the division storekeeper's office at Jersey City. He held various positions in the manager of stores office and during the last war was chief accountant of the accounting branch of the Stores department.

Mr. DenBraven was a member of the East Avenue Methodist Church, the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, Erie Veterans' Association, and for two years was secretary of the Maple City Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. In addition to his widow, he leaves a son, Richard, at home; five brothers, two sisters and several nieces and nephews.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, January, 1949

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Charles M. DeWitt

Charles Minor DeWitt, 69, a freight conductor on the Susquehanna division who retired in 1945, died Nov. 1 at home in Binghamton.

A former resident of Hornell, he had been with the railroad 28 years.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

George E. Dill

George Ellsworth Dill, 67, of Cleveland, the third generation of his family who were locomotive engineers on the Mahoning division of the Erie, died Saturday night, Aug. 13, 1949. He had suffered a heart attack that afternoon in the cab of his engine. In 1947 he was awarded a gold pass, marking a half century of service.

Mr. Dill was born on old Jennings Avenue (now West 14th Street) a short block from the home at 2420 West 14th Street he occupied at his death. His parents were natives of Hubbard, Ohio. Both his father and grandfather were engineers on the Mahoning division.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

Frederick P. Dingwall

Frederick P. Dingwall, 53, Tenafly, brakeman, died August 26, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, November, 1949

James DiPiero

James DiPiero, 73, of Youngstown, for 25 years a stockkeeper at Brier Hill, died July 30.

A native of Bugnara, Italy, he came on the Erie May 2, 1915, and retired Dec. 31, 1940.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

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Emma E. Dobell



Dobell

On Oct. 18, the company lost through death perhaps its oldest woman employe, Emma E. Dobell, clerk-stenographer in the New York office of the Real Estate and Industrial Development department.

Miss Dobell was born Nov. 9, 1868, in Elmira where she entered Erie service in July, 1890, as stenographer in the roadmaster's office. In April, 1894, she was transferred as stenographer to the Real Estate department in New York and remained until her death, a continuous service record of over 59 years.

A. B. Johnson, vice president of the Real Estate department, wrote: "Miss Dobell, keen, alert and vigorous, had performed her duties the day preceding her death in a highly satisfactory and intelligent manner. Her loyalty and enthusiasm for everything affecting Erie welfare was outstanding. She was a general favorite of all Erie employes in the New York offices."

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

Robert Lee Dolamore

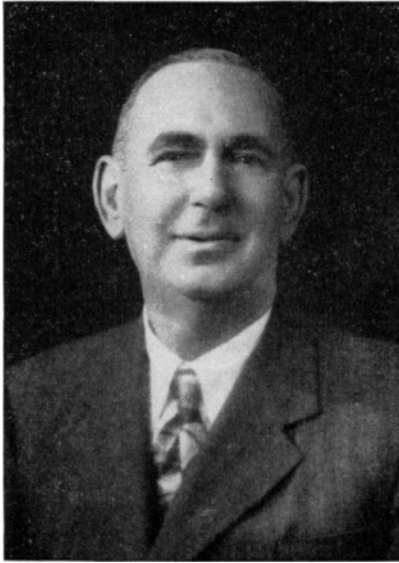
Robert Lee Dolamore, 57, retired patrolman of Salamanca, died Sept. 12 while working in his garden. He had been in ill health several months.

On June 13 he terminated 25 years of service as a police officer for the company. He started at Kent, Ohio, in 1924 and after ten years was transferred to Salamanca.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, November, 1949

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Isaac Douglas



Isaac Douglas, floatman in the Marine department at Jersey City, died Nov. 15, 1948 at home in Hoboken. He had been a member of the Marine department nearly 51 years.

A native of Staten Island, he had lived for a time in Jersey City and had moved to Hoboken 14 years ago.

Surviving are his wife; a son; a daughter; a brother and three grandchildren. Burial was at Lyndhurst, N. J.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, January, 1949

Joseph S. Dowdell

Joseph S. Dowdell, Weehawken, assistant general foreman, died June 4, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

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J. E. Duryea



John E. Duryea, 62, captain of police at Hornell for the past several years, died there Feb. 1. He had been in ill health for varying periods since 1941 and had been confined to the hospital since Dec. 6.

Capt. Duryea was born in Port Jervis and was employed by the Erie as a brakeman on the New York division in 1902. Three years later he was promoted to passenger service.

Following several breaks in his record and after service in the Army, he returned to the Erie in 1914 as watchman at Jersey City. Subsequently he was promoted to patrolman, lieutenant and captain at various points, including Port Jervis, Susquehanna, Binghamton and Hornell.

He is survived by his widow, two married daughters and a son, Richard.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, April, 1949

E.D. Engelbert

E. D. Engelbert, 49, Binghamton, carpenter foreman, died May 25, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

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Charles W. Evans

Charles W. Evans, 62, former draftsman in the signal engineer's office at Cleveland, died Oct. 13, 1949.

Mr. Evans was born in the old Horseshoe Section of Jersey City and after graduating from Stevens Institute of Technology, he joined Erie forces as a rodman at Jersey City in 1909. After six years as levelman and transitman he was transferred to the signal department as draftsman. He retired March 1, 1947, on account of failing health.

Gardening was his hobby and he took an active interest in the Cleveland Garden Club.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

Joel L. Fairbanks

Joel L. Fairbanks, 77, a carpenter on the Erie 32 years and Hornell resident 46 years, died Nov. 3.

He was a native of Canisteo, N.Y., a past president of Local 1105 of the Carmen's Union, a member of the Erie Veterans Association, Benefit Association of Railway Employes and former member of the Odd Fellows and Methodist Protestant Church of the Swale.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

W. Fallon

William Fallon, 72, of Wanaque, N. J., died late in May in St. Joseph's Hospital, Paterson, after a month's illness.

He was born in Passaic and was a retired Erie conductor.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, July, 1949

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Harold Carhart Ferris



Harold Carhart Ferris, lieutenant of police at Jersey City, died March 4 in Passaic, N. J., following a brief illness.

He was born in Jersey City Sept. 2, 1898, but moved to Passaic at an early age and lived in the old Ferris homestead on Sherman Street.

Lieut. Ferris started with the Erie in 1915 as a clerk in New York City.

Later he worked at Croxton, Passaic and Jersey City and resigned in 1923.

Rejoining the company as sergeant of police at Jersey City in 1934, he was promoted to lieutenant in 1948 and assigned to Buffalo. In January this year he was transferred back to Jersey City and put in charge of the waterfront detail. A capable and efficient police officer, he was well liked by associates and fellow employes.

Survivors are his wife, three daughters and two grandchildren, all of Passaic.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, June, 1949

Phil M. Ferry

Sympathy is extended to the family of Phil M. Ferry who passed away at home in Hornell on Jan. 24, 1949. Mr. Ferry entered Erie service April 15, 1925 in the blacksmith department, and retired March 10, 1945.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, March, 1949

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William H. Flight

William H. Flight, 59, locomotive fireman, Wyoming Division, died February 25, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, July, 1949

Charles John Fogelgren



Charles John Fogelgren, retired track supervisor, died April 9 in Tampa, Fla., following a heart attack. He had made his home there since his retirement in 1945 after 44 years of continuous service.

The early part of his life was spent in Mt. Jewett, Pa., where he first was employed by the Erie. He also had been located at Brockway, Pa., Decatur, Ind., Lima and Marion, Ohio, and finally Mansfield, Ohio, from where he retired.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge. In Tampa he was active in the Tourist and Shuffleboard clubs.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Helen Cone, Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Luceil Artress, Washington, D. C., and two grandchildren. Interment was in Tampa.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, June, 1949

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Alonzo W. Foley

Alonzo W. Foley, 85, retired employee of Waldwick, NJ, died September 20, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, November, 1949

William Ford

Many of the old-timers will remember William Ford, (New York marine) ferry bridgeman, who died last month. Bill retired in 1947. He was at 23rd Street until it closed and then moved to Chambers Street Station.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, September, 1949

Alson Foust

Alson Foust, 90, Saegertown, retired carpenter, died September 8, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, November, 1949

W.P. Freaney

William Patrick Freaney. chief dispatcher for the Erie at Salamanca. N.Y., was fatally injured March 16, 1949 when the automobile he was driving and a truck loaded with lumber collided on the Salamanca-Seneca Junction highway. He died in Salamanca of a fractured skull a few minutes after the crash, in an ambulance.

Mr. Freaney had been with the company nearly 42 years He started as a telegrapher as a young man and worked at Carrollton, Salamanca and Bradford. Subsequently he was promoted to chief train dispatcher at Salamanca and in 1941 was named inspector of operation at Youngstown. Two years later he resumed the position of chief dispatcher at Salamanca.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

Alfred Fynn

Alfred Fynn, general passenger agent, died suddenly Sept. 25 at his home in Shaker Heights, Ohio. Al was 20 when he came on the Erie and had already broken into railroading as city passenger agent with the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railway (Monon). Starting as a freight clerk he quickly transferred to passenger traffic and served Erie at Chicago, Buffalo and Cleveland. A Mason, he was a member of the Cleveland and New York Traffic Clubs, Erie Veterans and Chagrin Valley Country Club. He was 50 years old.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, November, 1949

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James Gattenbee

James Gattenbee, 80, Buffalo, retired baggagemaster with a service record of 43 1/2 years, died May 31, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

J.A. Giet

J. A. Giet, 50, Creston, signal maintainer, died September 19, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, November, 1949

Bert Granger

Bert Granger, 75, of Wellsville, N.Y., a machinist on the Erie 20 years, died Oct. 8, 1949.

He was born in South Canisteo and lived in Hornell most of his life until he moved to Wellsville last year. He retired in 1937.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

Frank Goerlitz

Frank Goerlitz, machinist at Dunmore Car Shop, died December 31, 1948.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, February, 1949

R. Greenwood

Ralph Greenwood, 48, of Great Bend. Pa., a car inspector on the Erie, died suddenly May 31, 1949.

He had worked in the Susquehanna yards during the day and was visiting in the H. M. Clapper grocery when he was taken ill. He asked Mr. Clapper for baking soda. A moment later he dropped to the floor and was dead when a doctor came.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

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William S. Groves, Sr.

Returning to his work as an Erie Railroad freight flagman for the first time after a two-month illness, William S. Groves, Sr., 59, of Meadville, died about 1:30 a.m. Aug. 7 at Mill Village, en route from Salamanca to Meadville. He had gone back to flag while his crew switched out a car with a hot journal. He stopped the train approaching him and, informing members of the oncoming train of the trouble, and started back to his own caboose. A member of the crew who had seen Groves' lantern fall to the ground, investigated and found him dead.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

G. W. Hafenbrak

George W. Hafenbrak, 64, retired employe of the Meadville Scrap and Reclamation plant, died at home in Harmonsburg, Pa., Feb. 18. He retired Jan. 19 this year, due to illness, after almost 20 years of service at the same plant.

Surviving are two sisters and four brothers.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, May, 1949

Edward E. Hardy

Edward Earl Hardy, 49, a former carman helper at Meadville Scrap and Reclamation plant, died July 20 at home in Meadville.

When Mr. Hardy retired Feb. 26, this year, due to ill health, he had 30 years of aggregate service. During this time he held jobs as laborer, Meadville storehouse; assistant baggage agent, blacksmith helper, blacksmith and carman helper.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, September, 1949

William N. Hart

William N. Hart, 69, a retired Buffalo division passenger engineer, died July 29 at home in Angola, N. Y. He had been ill two months.

Mr. Hart began work for the Erie in 1901 as a roundhouse helper. He worked his way up to fireman and finally to engineer. He retired in 1941.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, September, 1949

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Dewitt H. Healy



Healy

Dewitt H. Healy of Paterson died July 2, 1949. Being in poor health, he had not worked since Dec. 14, 1948. He held positions in the yards at Jersey City, Waldwick and Suffern and then in 1926 he went on the gates, spending 22 years as a crossing guardian. Serving the Erie faithfully and well since 1915, Dewitt was the kind who are long remembered on this railroad.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

Isaac Heater

Isaac Heater, car repairer of Port Jervis, and brother of James Heater, Weehawken car inspector, died Feb. 2 (1949).

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, April, 1949

William Heater

William Heater, 77, of Matamoras, Pa., a former New York division conductor, died Aug. 23.

At retirement in 1939 he had more than 42 years' service.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

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J. C. Heck

John Conrad Heck, 58, commercial agent for the Erie at Newark, N. J., since 1929, died April 27 following an illness of seven months.

Mr. Heck, who had been with the company since May 1, 1911, was a resident of Paterson and Glen Rock all his life, was president of the Railroad Club of Newark, the Traffic Club of Newark, the Traffic Club of Jersey City and the Central Reformed Church of Paterson.

In addition to his wife, Carolyn Prances Greening Heck, he leaves a son, John W. Heck of Austinville, Va., and a grandson.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, June, 1949

F. W. Heeman

Fred W. Heeman, 80, of Buffalo, a retired Erie employe, died Feb. 4 following a two-week illness.

Born in Buffalo, he had been employed by the Erie from 1892 until he retired in 1938. For many years he was general foreman of the old Erie coal dock on the Blackwell Canal. After a fire destroyed the coal dock in 1931, he worked as a clerk in the company offices.

Mr. Heeman is survived by his wife, a daughter and a sister.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, July, 1949

Jacob S. Heiss

Jacob S. Heiss, 80, retired Erie conductor, died Jan. 26 at home in Huntington, Ind.

Mr. Heiss retired in 1938 after 41 years of service and was a member of the Order of Railway Conductors.

Survivors are his widow, a son by a former marriage, a step-son, a granddaughter and a great-granddaughter.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, March, 1949

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James Hendrickson

James Hendrickson, 50, of Port Jervis, a locomotive engineer on the Erie, died Aug. 3, 1949.

He was born in New York City. At an early age he moved to Middletown and resided there until 1923 when he went to Port Jervis. He was employed as a fireman until 1945 and then was promoted to engineer.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

Harry Miller Hill

Harry Miller Hill, 74, former section foreman, died Jan. 25 at home in Smithboro, N.Y.

He retired in 1945 after more than 56 years of continuous service.

He is survived by his widow, daughter and son at home, and sons Frederick and Ellsworth, both employed in the Signal department of the Erie.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, March, 1949

Michael F. Hines

Michael F. Hines, Dunmore, retired locomotive engineer with a service record of 47 years, died September 19, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, November, 1949

J.A. Hocke

Joseph Albert Hocke, 63, lieutenant of police at Jersey City, died June 12, 1949.

He started as a patrolman at North Paterson, N. J. in 1921 and in the same year was promoted to sergeant at Jersey City. In 1922 he was advanced to lieutenant at Dunmore; in 1923 was transferred back to Jersey City and in 1939 was made captain of police on the New York division. On Jan. 1, 1942 he was transferred to New York and put in charge of protection of all piers and stations. In 1947, due to ill health, he was returned to Jersey City and appointed lieutenant of police.

A capable and fearless police officer, Lieut. Hocke brought with him to the Erie the benefit of his police experience in other fields.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

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J.J. Hogan

J. J. Hogan, 65, Forty Fort, PA, retired conductor with a service record of 43 years, died October 17, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

Thomas J. Holleran

Thomas Joseph Holleran, 57, commercial agent in the division freight office at Jersey City, died Sept. 26.

He was born in Bradford, Pa., and came to the Erie in 1913 in a clerical capacity at Jamestown, N.Y. In 1926 he was made chief clerk of the division freight office at Meadville. Thereafter he served the road in various capacities at Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Philadelphia and Jersey City.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, November, 1949

M.V. Huffman

Marvin V Huffman, 78, of Huntington, Ind., died June 9, 1949.

He was agent and telegrapher at various stations on the Erie before he located in Huntington in 1901. He retired in 1937 as chief dispatcher after 48 years of service.

Mr. Huffman was a member of Carnahan Knights of Pythias, the Chicago and Atlantic Veterans Association and the Erie Railroad Veterans Association.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

Horton Hunt

Horton Hunt, Meadville backshop machinist, died March 17 (1949).

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, May, 1949

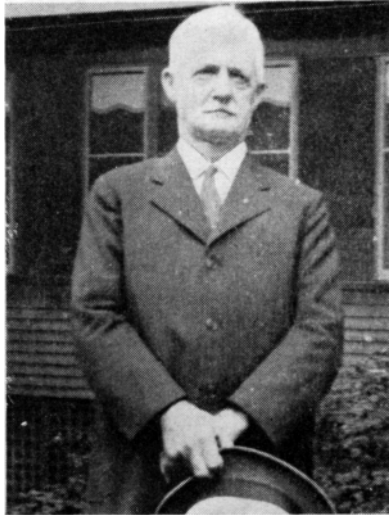
Walter D. Hunt

Walter D. Hunt, New York Division engineman of Waldwick, N.J., died May 5, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, July, 1949

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James Johnson



James Johnson, 88, retired bridge inspector on the Meadville division, died Jan. 15 at home in Meadville after a short illness. He came from Hull, England, his birthplace, in 1881 and had been employed by the Erie more than 45 years. He retired in June 1931.

Mr. Johnson was a member of the Erie Veterans and the Masons.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, May, 1949

L.F. Johnson

L.F. Johnson, 37, former fireman on the Dayton-Urbana Local, died at home November 1, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

C. H. Johnston

Clarence H. Johnston, 66, who retired last year as pipefitter at the Meadville roundhouse, died April 15. He had 29 years' service.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the I.O.O.F. and the Erie Veterans Association.

Surviving are two sons, two brothers, a sister and four grandchildren.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, June, 1949

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T. Jones

Thomas Jones, 62, boilermaker foreman at the Erie shops in Port Jervis, died May 15 at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

He was born in Wales and the greater part of his life was spent in the United States. He was with the Erie at Port Jervis for 23 years.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, July, 1949

David J. Kelly

David J. Kelly, a yard conductor, died Nov. 11 at home in Rutherford, N. J., after a short illness.

Born in Jersey City, he had resided in Rutherford nine years, was a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, the Knights of Columbus, and a parishioner of St. Mary's R. C. Church, Rutherford.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

C. M. Kennedy

Charles M. Kennedy, 85, of Buffalo, died March 24.

He came to the Erie from the Nickel Plate road and retired as a switchman about 15 years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Mary.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, May, 1949

Michael A. Kerwan

Michael A. Kerwan, 84, Elmira, retired conductor of 56 years of service, died August 21, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

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E. W. Killmer

Edward W. Killmer, 75, oilhouse stockkeeper at Secaucus, N. J., for the past 26 years, died Feb. 3 in St. Mary's Hospital, Passaic, of a cardiac condition.

Mr. Killmer was born in New York City and had been a resident of Rutherford 70 years. He was a bachelor, a veteran of the Spanish-American War and past exalted ruler of Rutherford Lodge of Elks.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, May, 1949

Fred G. King

Fred G. King, 60, an employe of the Meadville production shop and lifelong resident of Meadville, died there Jan. 25. He had been foreman of the blacksmith shop at one time for a period of 13 years.

He was a member of St. Brigid's R. C. Church, Meadville Aerie, F. O. Eagles, the Moose, Italian Civic Club and the Polish Club.

Survivors include a son, Robert, of Meadville, three daughters and several other relatives.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, March, 1949

Allen L. Kline

Alan L. Kline, former superintendent of the New York division of the Erie, died in a hospital in Lucerne, Switzerland, June 19. He lived at 20 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Mr. Kline started his railroad career with the Erie in 1900 as yard clerk. Six years later he became yardmaster. From 1917 to 1920 he held various executive positions. In 1920 he became superintendent of the Meadville division and in 1927 was named superintendent at Buffalo. From 1928 to 1940 he was division superintendent at Jersey City. He retired in 1945 as general manager of the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, September, 1949

Raymond R. Klyne

Raymond R. Klyne, 56, Hornell, retired boilermaker with a service record of 17 years, died September 3, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, November, 1949

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Harold K. Knight

Harold K. Knight, 67, Middletown, retired civil engineer, died September 28, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, November, 1949

Francis Xavier Kreuzer

Francis Xavier Kreuzer, 69, a retired Erie patrolman, died Dec. 9 (1948) in his home in Buffalo. His wife died Nov. 1.

Mr. Kreuzer was born in Buffalo and had been a physical instructor and a special officer before he joined the Erie as a patrolman at that point in 1919. He retired in 1944 due to a heart condition.

He was a pressman and printer by profession and served in the army in World War I.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, February, 1949

John E. Kroah

John Ellsworth Kroah, 53, car inspector at Brockway, Pa., died Aug. 14. He was a lifelong resident of that community and had been an Erie employe for 21 years.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

Alfred J. Kryzanowski

Sympathy is extended to the family of Alfred J. Kryzanowski, assistant wreckmaster, known to fellow workers as Al Cross, who died April 7, 1949 after a brief illness.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, June, 1949

H.E.A. Landsman

H.E.A. Landsman, 71, Hoboken, retired barge captain with a service record of 28 years, died September 19, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, November, 1949

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Felix Lenkiewicz

Felix Lenkiewicz, former trucker at Croxton Transfer, died Jan. 13.

Born in Poland in 1893, he started with the Erie as a trucker in 1935 and retired Sept. 12, 1948.

Surviving are his widow, one son, one daughter and a grandson.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, March, 1949

Harry F. Linton

Harry Franklin Lynton, 63, furloughed laborer of Hornell backshop, died at Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville, Aug. 29, 1949.

He was born in Frederick, Md., Aug. 7, 1886, and had resided in Andover, N.Y., the past 18 years.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

Lewis W. Lockwood

Lewis Washington Lockwood, 74, former M. of W. crossing watchman on the New York division, died Sept. 25 at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Edward Shapley, in Sparta, N. J. He retired ten years ago.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, November, 1949

Charles E. Lodge

Charles Edward Lodge, 84, former foreign freight agent at New York, died July 29 in Miami, Fla.

He was born Sept. 2, 1864, in Palmyra, N. Y., and entered the Erie's Foreign Freight department Dec. 5, 1884, as a clerk. He was appointed Custom House clerk in 1890 and customs agent and attorney in 1910. From 1915 to April 1917 he was chief clerk to foreign freight agent, then he was furloughed by the company to the British Ministry of Shipping in World War I. When he returned to the Erie in 1919 he was appointed foreign freight agent, the position he held at retirement Jan. 1, 1938.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, September, 1949

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J. B. Lofts

John B. Lofts, shore foreman in the Lighterage department, New York City, died March 27 at home in Ridgewood, N. J.

He started with the company in 1937 as a messenger and held various clerical positions until 1946 when he was appointed to his last position. For several years he was chairman of the Produce Lodge, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

Survivors are his wife, the former Lois Obermeyer, his mother and two sisters.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, May, 1949

Bernard Lusiak

Bernard Lusiak. 51, Black Rock, car inspector with 26 years of service, died June 3, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

Alfred W. Mahany



Alfred W. Mahany of Cleveland, a retired Erie freight conductor, died Feb. 16 in Riverside, Calif., where he had gone to attend the funeral of his best friend and traveling companion, Dr. Fred E. Cunningham of Chicago. Dr. Cunningham died in New Orleans Jan; 20 on the first leg of a journey that was to end on the West Coast where he was to meet Mr. Mahany. They had traveled to California each winter since Mr. Mahany's retirement in 1944. Mr. Mahany was stricken two weeks after the funeral. Dr. Cunningham's brother, Dr. James Cunningham and his wife, accompanied the body to Cleveland.

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Mr. Mahany was born in Buffalo and came to Cleveland as a youth of 13. His first and only job was with the Erie as a freight conductor, a job he held 48 years. Active until his death, his hobbies were traveling, hunting and fishing.

He is survived by a stepson, William Fisher, and four sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Fitzgerald, wife of Thomas Fitzgerald, a retired Erieman, with whom he lived at 3717 Warren Road; Mrs. Catherine Van Keuren of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Quito French of Westlake and Mrs. Lucie B. Meyers.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, April, 1949

P. J. Malley-Melley

P. J. Malley-Melley, 59, air brake test rack operator at Buffalo, died April 10.

He began service Oct. 8, 1910, and was a member of the B. R. C. of A. Lodge 1133.

Four brothers and a sister survive him.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, July, 1949

Michael Malse

Michael Malse, laborer at Croxton dumps, died Dec. 28 (1948). He was stricken with a heart attack on his way to work.

He was born in Russia in 1886 and started with the Erie at Croxton dumps in 1914.

Surviving are his wife and four sons.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, March, 1949

D. P. Marley

Donald P. Marley, 43, sectional storekeeper in charge of shipping at Meadville General Stores, died March 3 after illness of eight months.

He started with the Erie in 1922 and had a continuous service record from 1925, all but one year of which was in the Stores department at Meadville.

He was a member of the Curry Hill United Presbyterian Church, the Meadville Club, Vernon Central Hose Co. and the Erie Railroad Veterans.

Survivors are his wife, four daughters, 4 to 11 years; his father, one sister and three brothers.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, July, 1949

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G.A. Mayer

George A. Mayer, 62, a conductor on the Susquehanna division, died June 7. He was born in Corning and had spent 32 years in Hornell.

Mr. Mayer was a member of the trainmen's brotherhood, the Erie Veterans Association and the Erie Trowel Club; the Masons and Moose; life member of Corning Consistory and former member of Damascus Shrine.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

Patrick F. McAllister

Sympathy is extended to the family of Patrick F. McAllister, gang foreman in the Hornell erecting shop, who died May 1, 1949. He entered service Nov. 1, 1922, as a machinist and had been foreman at both the roundhouse and backshop.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, June, 1949

James McCollum

James McCollum, former commerce agent of the Freight Traffic department at Chicago, died Aug. 2 at home in San Gabriel, Calif.

Mr. McCollum was born in Belfast, Ireland, April 1, 1869. He came on the Erie in 1892 as a stenographer and at retirement Sept. 30, 1937, had served 45 years in various capacities.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

William G. McDonald

William G. McDonald, New Castle, retired engineer, died August 13, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

Joseph H. McEney

Joseph H. McEney, 45, Jersey City, clerk in the superintendent's office with service of 30 years, died June 25, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

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J. J. McKeever

John J. McKeever, Erie Railroad locomotive engineer and resident of Ridgewood, N. J., for the past 16 years, died May 28.

He had been in Erie service 43 years, starting as a mechanic.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, July, 1949

James J. McKiernan

James J. McKiernan, former New York division crossing watchman, died Aug. 19 at home, 357 Pacific street, Paterson, N.J. He had lived at that address for more than 70 years.

Mr. McKiernan retired in 1938 with 26 years' service.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

John McLaren

John McLaren, 79, Paterson, with a service record of 35 years, died August 2, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, September, 1949

Walter T. McLaughlin

Walter T. McLaughlin, 64, of Youngstown, Ohio, died of a heart ailment in Buffalo Aug. 7 following several months' illness.

He went to Youngstown from Cleveland in 1910 and had been an engineer on the Erie since 1903.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

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D. S. McPeek, Sr.

Daniel S. McPeek, Sr., 70, a retired trainman, died Dec. 7 (1948) at home in Matamoras, Pa.

He was born in Port Jervis, N. Y., and had been with the road more than 38 years, retiring in 1940 as a passenger brakeman on the New York division.

Mr. McPeek was an active member of the B. of R. T., No. 623, of Suffern; Order 752, F. & A. M., Matamoras, and of Milford F. & A. M. 344. He was a past master of both organizations.

He is survived by his widow, three sons and three daughters; also four grandchildren and two brothers.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, January, 1949

Louis E. Meister



Louis E. Meister. 72, Marion, retired ticket clerk, with 42 years of service, died July 7, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

Also, from the September issue:

Louis Earl Meister, 72, former ticket clerk and binding operator at Galion, died July 7 in City Hospital at Marion. He resided at 151 West Walnut Street, Marion, and had suffered from a heart ailment.

Mr. Meister was a native of Marion and for 27 years had been chief clerk for the Erie there. For a period of 15 years he was at Galion. He retired in January 1948.

He was well known in music circles in Marion and was a member of the old Marion Civic orchestra, and of the recently organized Marion Philharmonic orchestra. He played percussion instruments. He had played in various brass bands in the community and was a member of the Sunday school orchestra of the Epworth Methodist Church.

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Bernard T. Miller

Bernard T. Miller, 62, New York Division engineer, died June 12, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

Paul J. Miller

Paul J. Miller, 70, Decatur, retired crossing watchman of 31 years service, died recently.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

F. M. Mock

Francis M. Mack, 52, yard switchman, died March 24 at home in Buffalo after a brief illness.

He was born at Portageville, N. Y. and was a graduate of St. Bonaventure College.

Survivors are three sisters and two brothers.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, July, 1949

John Molino

John Molino, 52, of the Louisiana St. Freight House, Buffalo, with service of 25 years, died June 11, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, July, 1949

Andrew J. Morris

Andrew J. Morris, 60, a former New York division freight conductor, died July 28, 1949 at home in Port Jervis.

He was born in Port Jervis and started with the road there as a clerk in the storekeeper's office. In October 1915 he became a brakeman and in 1927 a conductor. At retirement in December 1947 he had 39 years' service.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, September, 1949

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John G. Morris

John G. Morris, 45, assistant cashier for the Erie at Buffalo, died July 6, 1949.

He was born in Silver Springs, N. Y. and had made his home in Buffalo for the last 17 years. On June 2 he had completed 26 years with the Erie.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, September, 1949

Glen C. Motsinger

Glenn C. Motsinger, Dayton, retired yard conductor with a service record of 43 years, died October 28, 1949 at age 64.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

F. Mulheran

Frank Mulheran, 63, of Union City, N. J., a retired barge captain for the Erie, died April 27 after a two-year illness.

He was a resident of Union City for 30 years and held membership in the Erie Veterans Association and the Holy Name Society of St. Michael's Monastery, Union City.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; a son, Frank; four daughters, a sister and four grandchildren.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, June, 1949

G. O. Murray

George O. Murray, 54, chief dispatcher at Buffalo, died March 26. He had been employed by the company 26 years.

Mr. Murray was a member of the Central Railway Club and the Knights of Columbus.

He leaves a wife, a sister and two brothers.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, May, 1949

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Melvin James Murray



Melvin James Murray, 61, of Addison, N. Y., former section foreman, died Oct. 28 (1948) in a hospital at Corning.

Mr. Murray retired Oct. 5, 1948, due to ill health. He had more than 42 years' service, having started as a trackman in April, 1906. He had been a section foreman since November, 1909.

In addition to his widow, he leaves a daughter and two sons.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, January, 1949

Francis A. O'Neill

Frank A. O'Neill, 64, Mantua, locomotive engineer with a service record of 49 years, died July 16, 1949, four days after being seriously burned when a drive rod on his engine broke at Ravenna and punctured the boiler.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, September, 1949

Joseph Orlando

Joseph Orlando, 64, a retired machinist helper of Susquehanna roundhouse where he served 35 years, died Nov. 27 (1948).

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, January, 1949

Alonzo P. Painter

Alonzo P. Painter, 57, Marion, crossing watchman, died September 26, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, November, 1949

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Rosario Parlavecchio

Rosario Parlavecchio, 60, Hornell, machinist, died October 2, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

Thomas R. Patton



Thomas R. Patton, former assistant general passenger agent at Cleveland and Youngstown, died Dec. 21 (1948) at St. Petersburg, Fla.

He started his career with the Erie in 1902 as baggagemaster helper at Corry and held various positions until his appointment as division passenger agent at Elmira in 1926. He was transferred to Cleveland in 1928 and the next year was appointed assistant general passenger agent. In 1933 he was transferred to Youngstown and remained until retirement Oct. 1, 1945. Shortly thereafter he moved to St. Petersburg where he resided with his sister.

Funeral services and burial were Dec. 28 at Corry.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, February, 1949

Robert P. Pebbles

Sympathy is extended to the family of Robert P. Pebbles, retired Hornell backshop painter, who died April 25, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, June, 1949

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Charles F. Pensinger

Charles F. Pensinger, 80, Galion, retired leverman, died August 21, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

Charles Perry

Charles Perry, retired Meadville roundhouse machinist, died March 7, 1949. Sympathy is extended to his family.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, May, 1949

Cabriole Petrillo

Cabriole Petrillo, Meadville, retired shopman of 25 years of service, died June 4, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

Raymond T. Phillips

Raymond T. Phillips, 70, retired veteran machinist, died Feb. 3 at home in Susquehanna, Pa. He had spent his entire life in that community, where he worked for the Erie 52 years.

He started as a driller in November, 1894, began working as a machinist apprentice in 1898 and in 1902 became a machinist. He was promoted to machine shop foreman in 1920 and to assistant general foreman in 1927. He became leading machinist in 1928 and from 1930 to retirement in April, 1947, had worked as a machinist. He was an expert horseman, a member of the Methodist Church and the Men's Class; also a member of the Susquehanna Valley Grange.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two stepdaughters and a brother.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, March, 1949

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R. F. Pierce

Roy Frederick Pierce, 65, of Hornell, retired master carpenter, died Feb. 4 in his automobile following a heart attack.

He started as a carpenter in July, 1906, and received several promotions at Salamanca and Elmira before he became master carpenter at Hornell in 1920. He retired in that capacity in 1945.

Surviving with his widow, Pearl, are two sons, Raymond, who is division engineer at Dunmore, and Edward, Pompton Plains, N. J., two daughters, Mrs. Robert Hann, Cleveland, and Mrs. Clayton Travis, Portland, Me., five grandchildren and two brothers.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, May, 1949

William D. Plant

William D. Plant, Buffalo, retired road freight conductor, died recently after a service record of 32 years, 7 months.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

R. L Quinn

Robert L. Quinn, 67, of Rochester, Ind., died March 18. He retired two years ago as telegraph operator and leverman at the tower at the intersection of the Erie and Nickel Plate railroads at Rochester, where he had served 25 years. Prior to that he was telegraph operator and ticket agent at the Erie depot in Rochester and had held a similar post at Akron.

Survivors include his wife, two children, two grandchildren, one sister and three brothers.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, June, 1949

Guy E. Rank

Guy E. Rank, 62, Marion, retired engineer with 38 years of service, died June 25, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

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Cyril B. Raymond

Cyril Burton Raymond, 73, of Salamanca, a former Erie car inspector, died Oct. 10 after an illness of four months. He had lived in Salamanca the past 52 years and was employed by the Erie 44 years. He retired five years ago.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

William Reynolds

William Reynolds of Rathbone, N. Y., a retired Erie conductor, died July 19, 1949 in a hospital in Elmira. He was 63 years of age and had been employed by the Erie many years at retirement several years ago.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, September, 1949

William F. Rickle

William F. Rickle, Machinist in the Marine Department, died Nov. 29, 1948.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, January, 1949

Lawrence A. Robinson

Lawrence Allen Robinson, 71, of Marion, Ohio, a retired Kent division locomotive engineer, died Aug. 15 due to a heart attack.

A resident of Marion since 1913, he retired in 1947 after nearly 44 years with the Erie.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

Isaac Newton Roby

Isaac Newton Roby, 88, retired Erie conductor, died Nov. 28 (1948) at home in Huntington, Ind.

He was employed as a brakeman in 1883 and the next year was promoted to freight conductor. He became a passenger conductor in 1894 and retired in July, 1937.

Surviving are the widow and a nephew.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, February, 1949

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M.J. Ronan

M.J. Ronan, 69, Dunmore, retired station attendant with a service record of 12 years, died October 20, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

Clarence D. Rosencrance

Our sympathy to the family of Clarence D. Rosencrance, retired yardmaster (Wyoming Division), who died Feb. 9 (1949) at Pittston, PA.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, April, 1949

James J. Ryan

James J. Ryan, 63, Avoca, Pa., retired tender repairer helper of 23 years service, died August 15, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

Charles Sartori

Sympathy is extended to the family of Charles Sartori, engine pumper, Salamanca, who died March 11, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, June, 1949

Elmer H. Sawyer

Elmer Sawyer, retired Kent Division conductor, died Jan. 26, 1949 of stomach cancer at the age of 69 at his residence, 441 Silver St., Marion. Burial was at Oakwood Cemetery, Bucyrus, OH.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, March, 1949 and death certificate

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Elizabeth Schmalfeldt

Elizabeth Schmalfeldt, of Jersey City, former telephone operator at 20 Church Street, New York, died June 30, 1949 after a long illness.

She began as a telephone operator in YA telegraph office, New York, in 1918 and continued in that capacity until illness forced her to relinquish her position last year after 29 years.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

William H. Schoby

William H. Schoby, 88, Huntington, retired conductor with a service record of 50 years, died June 18, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

Frank Scott

Frank Scott, retired ferrymaster of the Marine Division at Jersey City, died Dec. 19, 1948 at age 83.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, February, 1949

Thomas E. Sheen

Thomas E. Sheen, 71. Harriman, retired collector, died July 5, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

Charles B. Sherlock

Charles Benjamin Sherlock, 63, former Erie section foreman, died June 4 at home in Hinsdale, N.Y. He retired in 1945 after more than 42 years' service.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

Fred W. Shute

Fred W. Shute, 67, Hornell, engineer, died August 10, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

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Earl D. Smith

Earl D. Smith, 61, Salamanca, plumber foreman with a service record of 30 years, died May 24, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

Manley M. Smith

Manley M. Smith, 52, who retired as carpenter at Salamanca in 1947, died Sept. 15 at home in that city, where he had lived for the past three years.

A native of Great Valley, N.Y., Mr. Smith joined the Erie as a transfer trucker at Salamanca in 1920. He was promoted to carpenter in 1922 and to carpenter foreman of the Allegany division in 1925. Five years later he was moved to Dunmore as master carpenter. From May, 1934, to July 31, 1946, he worked at Paterson and Jersey City. Due to poor health, he returned to Salamanca as carpenter on Aug. 1, 1946.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, November, 1949

Harry M. Space



Harry M. Space, 72, executive secretary of the Railroad Y. M. C. A. at Binghamton (operated jointly by the Erie, D. and H. and D. L. and W. railroads), died Feb. 2. He was dean of Y secretaries on the Erie and had been located at Binghamton for the past 30 years.

Admired and respected as a fine Christian gentleman, he had a spotless record of 48 years of successful administration, having taken up work as secretary of the Railroad Y at Port Jervis in 1901, following 10 years with the Erie as a messenger and later as transfer foreman at that point. His father also was an Erieman.

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Mr. Space founded the Railroad Y at Susquehanna in 1906.

During World War I he rode troop trains to camps throughout the country. He also was Y secretary in charge aboard the *Leviathan*, which carried more than 11,000 men, and at the conclusion of the trip was assigned to the then well known YMCA Eagle Hut on the Strand in London.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, two sisters and a brother.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, March, 1949

Milton Stalbird

Milton Stalbird, Moosic, retired conductor, died June 7, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

Edgar A. Staley

Edgar A. Staley, 67, Meadville, locomotive engineer with a service record of 46 years, died November 15, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

William A. Stem

William A. Stem, Kent, retired locomotive engineer with a service record of 38 years, died November 2, 1949 at age 65.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

Porter C. Stephens

Porter C. Stephens, 77, a retired Erie conductor and resident of Buffalo 45 years, died at home Nov. 7 after a heart attack. He retired 10 years ago after 35 years' service.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

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Frank J. Stewart

Frank John Stewart, 61, former trucker at Hornell freight station, died Sept. 24, 1949.

Mr. Stewart spent most of his life in Hornell. He retired in 1947 after 26 years' service and moved to a small farm near Brockport, N.Y.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

Paul N. Stiles

Paul N. Stiles, 64, of Elmira, a former yard conductor, died Oct. 13 following several months' illness.

He retired in 1945 after more than 32 years' service.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, December, 1949

Louis T. Stoddard

Louis T. Stoddard, 73, towerman, Susquehanna, with 53 years of service, died May 12, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, July, 1949

Leroy W. Strauss

Leroy W. Strauss, 72. Huntington, retired conductor with a service record of 39 years, died June 10, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

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Betty Stuckert



Betty Jane Stuckert, 19, died suddenly in Mount Sinai Hospital, Cleveland, March 24. She was stricken with leukemia about five weeks earlier and her passing was a distinct shock to her family and friends.

Miss Stuckert entered the company's employ in November, 1947, as a comptometer operator in the Auditor of Revenues department. She had a charming personality and always endeavored to do those little things for her co-workers that make life worth while. The memory of her excellent work and sunny disposition will long remain with us.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, May, 1949

Fred W. Swank

Fred W. Swank, 72, Buffalo, retired engineer of 38 years of service, died September 13, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

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Maurice Baldwin Thiel



Maurice Baldwin Thiel of Hoboken, a former lieutenant of police at Jersey City, died Feb. 9, aged 53 years. He had been in ill health some time prior to his retirement on Jan. 17 this year.

A native of Scranton, Pa., Lieut. Thiel started as a patrolman at Middletown 26 years ago and had worked at various locations on the east end of the road. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1944.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Morris of Hoboken; his mother, a sister and a brother in Scranton, and brothers: John, Cleveland; Arthur, Philadelphia; George, Kansas City; and Baldwin Thiel, Phoenix, Ariz.

A military service was conducted by Hoboken Post 107, American Legion.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, May, 1949

C. A. Thompson

Christie Arthur Thompson, assistant division clerk in the superintendent's office at Hornell, died Dec. 8 (1948) after a brief illness.

He joined the road as a stenographer in Hornell yard office Sept. 1, 1912, and had held his last position since 1919.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, January, 1949

Earl Townsend

Earl Townsend, Youngstown, locomotive fireman, age 35, died at 2:30 a.m. July 14, 1949 near Ravenna when the boiler on his locomotive exploded.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, September, 1949

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Walter Tracht

Walter Tracht, retired roundhouse foreman of Brier Hill shops, died May 27, 1949 in Youngstown at age 61. Burial was at Galion.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, July, 1949

S. J. Tracz

Stanley J. Tracz, 56, of Salamanca, a car inspector for the Erie the past 30 years, died May 8.

He was a member of the Holy Cross Athletic Club, St. Adelbert Society of Holy Cross Church, Railway Carmen's Union and secretary of the Polish Union of America.

Surviving with his wife are four daughters, four sons and several other relatives.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, July, 1949

Charles A. Van Riper

Charles A. Van Riper, retired interline clerk in the office of the auditor of revenues, died June 27, 1949 at home in Pompton Plains, N. J., after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Pompton Plains May 5, 1891, and started with the Erie in the Freight Accounting department in New York Sept. 16, 1912.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

Richard T. Verian

Richard T. Verian, 78, a former operator on the Susquehanna division, died Sept. 16 at home in Elmira.

He was born in Deposit, where, as a youth, he began his career with the Erie. Later he became a dispatcher at Elmira.

He worked in Elmira briefly before transferring to Hornell, where he continued for 17 years. He retired at Elmira in 1938.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, November, 1949

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Cleveland G. Wainwright

Cleveland G. Wainwright, 64, of Port Jervis, an inspector on the Erie for 41 years, died Aug. 19. He belonged to the Erie Veterans Association and the Tri-State Rod and Gun Club.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

E. V. Walbridge

Ernest V. Walbridge, 78, of Hornell, a former Susquehanna division conductor, died May 21 after an illness of four years.

He retired in 1937 after nearly 46 years of service and was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors and Hornellsville Grange No. 846.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, July, 1949

John Waldron

Retired veteran employee John Waldron (Yard Conductor) died April 18, 1949 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F.D. Greene, in Franklin, PA. Our sympathy to his family.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, June, 1949

John W. Walker

John W. Walker, 77, Paterson, telegrapher, died June 12, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

Steve Walkoff

Steve Walkoff, trucker at Youngstown freight station since 1943, died Nov. 10 (1948) after a few days' illness at age 52.

He was born in Yugoslavia Sept. 18, 1896, and came to Youngstown in 1913. He was a member of John Huss Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, Lodge 489.

Surviving with his widow are a daughter, Carol Ann, at home and two brothers in Yugoslavia.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, February, 1949

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William F. Welch

William F. Welch of Hornell, former Delaware division train dispatcher, died Jan. 15. The next day would have been his 76th birthday.

He retired in 1947 after 60 years with the Erie.

Mr. Welch was born in Port Jervis, where he joined the Erie in February 1888 as a caller. After two years he became an operator, in 1903 a train dispatcher and in 1908 a special agent.

From November 1908 to October 1934 he worked as train dispatcher and as chief dispatcher at Susquehanna, and then as train dispatcher at Hornell until retirement.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, March, 1949

G. L. Whaley

Guy L. Whaley, 66, of Salamanca, died there April 13 following a stroke.

Employed by the Erie about 30 years, he had been a telegraph operator in WC tower in the Salamanca yards the past several years.

He was a member of the First Methodist Church and Lodge 501, I. O. O. P. In addition to his wife he leaves two daughters, a sister, a brother and several nieces and nephews.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, July, 1949

Henry Whitaker



Henry Whitaker, 56, of Jersey City, a retired car foreman, died recently. Beginning as a steamheat inspector at Jersey City in 1920, he was promoted to car inspector in 1930 and to car foreman, Jersey City freight yard, in 1932.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and three children.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, April, 1949

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James Whitworth

James Whitworth, 85, former machine shop foreman at Meadville, died there recently.

A native of Leeds, England, he retired in 1934 after 30 years with the Erie, 21 of which he was foreman in charge of repairs to shop machinery at Meadville.

Surviving are his widow, three daughters, two sons, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The son, Arthur, was roundhouse foreman at Ferrona until retirement several years ago, due to illness, and Walter, the other son, has been employed by the Nickel Plate for many years, in the roundhouse at Conneaut, Ohio.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, March, 1949

Kenneth D. Whiteman

Kenneth D. Whiteman, retired Kent Division engineer of Marion (formerly of Mansfield), died August 6, 1949 at Marion City Hospital. He was 59. Burial took place August 8 at Marion Cemetery.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, October, 1949

J. C. Wiese

John C. Wiese, 66, of Buffalo, a retired locomotive engineer, died Feb. 26 in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he had been vacationing for two months.

He had been employed by the Erie 42 years before he retired six years ago. Surviving are his wife, a daughter, a brother and a sister.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, April, 1949

John W. Wiley

John W. Wiley, 76, Hawthorne, retired collector with a service record of 45 years, died June 20, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

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Arthur P. Wilson

Arthur P. Wilson, 56, commercial agent in the general eastern freight agent's office at New York, died Oct. 5, en route home to Nutley.

Born in Bridgeport, Pa., he started as chief clerk in our Philadelphia office March 24, 1926, and was appointed commercial agent at New York Jan. 2, 1930.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, November, 1949

Emmet Wilson

Emmet Wilson, cashier and ticket agent in the Passenger Traffic department, died March 3 in St. John's Hospital, Cleveland, where he had been confined since Jan. 27.

He started with the Erie in 1922 as a stenographer in the general agent's office, Traffic department, Brooklyn, N.Y., and had held various clerical positions in that department before he was appointed to his last position in 1940.

He is survived by his wife, Anna.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, April, 1949

J. V. Wilson

James V. Wilson, 78, former Kent division conductor, died April 13, 1949 at home in Mansfield, Ohio. At retirement in 1936 he had been with the company 43 years.

He was a member of Buckeye Lodge No. 35, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

Surviving are two sons, a daughter, four sisters and three grandchildren.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, July, 1949

John J. Wolfer

John J. Wolfer, 55, a retired Erie ferryboat captain, died July 11, 1949.

A lifelong resident of Hoboken, he had completed 25 years of service with the company when he retired in 1944. Along the waterfront he was known as "Capt. Gink" during the many years he skippered the ferryboat *Jamestown* between Jersey City and New York.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, September, 1949

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George B. Woodward

George B. Woodward, 55, Scranton, retired shop hostler of 33 years service, died June 23, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, August, 1949

Howard J. Wright

Howard J. Wright, 61, retired car inspector, Marion, of 18 years service, died June 2, 1949.

Source: Erie Railroad Magazine, July, 1949

W. V. Zimmerer

Walter Victor (Nick) Zimmerer, assistant to purchasing agent—coal, died suddenly June 11 at White Sulphur Springs, where he was attending a coal convention. Nick, who was 48, came on the Erie as a stenographer August 3, 1916 and held many positions in New York, Jersey City and Cleveland including that of secretary to vice president, before joining the purchasing department forces.

Nick leaves a wife and four fine children, Tommy, 27; Mary Louise, 16; Walter V. Jr., 14; and Gerald J., 8.

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