

West Michigan Deaths

WOODLAND — Mrs. Lucretia Rowlander, 87, a resident of Woodland most of her life, died Tuesday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Martin of Dimondale. Funeral services will be held at 2 Thursday at Kilpatrick United Brethren church. Burial in Woodland cemetery.

SUNFIELD—Lynn A. Bailiff, 70, Sebawa township farmer, died Sunday at his home. He served as sexton of two cemeteries in the area. The body is at Mapes funeral home.

CHARLEVOIX—Funeral services

Mr. Edmonds served as secretary and manager of the pioneer motor firm.

When Edmonds and Bates decided to enter the field of auto manufacture, as the Bates Automobile company, Edmonds became secretary of the firm. Late on the scene, the company could not compete successfully with the larger ones which, by 1901, were using assembly-line methods, and went out of business soon.

Married in 1894

Mr. Edmonds was married on Nov. 28, 1894, to Miss Neenah E. Jones, daughter of N. B. Jones, a prominent early settler here. They built a home at 531 S. Capitol ave., almost immediately. Mrs. Edmonds died about two years ago.

John W. Edmonds, father of the

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James P. Edmonds Is Dead; Long Lansing's Historian

Business and Auto Pioneer Was 83; Ill for Months

James P. Edmonds, 83, of 531 S. Capitol ave., Lansing's unofficial historian, and a business and automotive pioneer, died at the home Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. He had been in poor health for several months.

Mr. Edmonds served as city treasurer from 1892 until 1896.

Best-known for his support of all endeavors connected with the preservation of local history, Mr. Edmonds was the author, in 1944, of a small volume dealing with interesting aspects of the history of the city, from its inception in 1847. His collection of historical photographs of the area was the most complete known.

Born in Lansing

Born Jan. 13, 1866, in Lansing, the son of John W. and Marilla J. (Pelton) Edmonds, he attended local public schools, then traveled for a year as special agent and adjuster for the American Fire Insurance company of Philadelphia.

The automobile industry was just beginning to come into its own, under the impetus of such men as R. E. Olds of Lansing, in the 1890s. Mr. Edmonds, in 1899, in association with M. F. Bates, had organized the Bates and Edmonds Motor company, devoted to the manufacture of gasoline engines, and hence was in a good position to capitalize upon the boom in the new "horseless buggy" industry, turning out engines for its use.



JAMES P. EDMONDS

Franklin P. House

NASHVILLE, Jan. 16 — Franklin P. House, 87, for 50 years a resident of the Nashville and Vermontville area, died Friday night at 11:30 o'clock at the residence, 228 Lentz st. A retired farmer, Mr. House was born Feb. 9, 1862, near Olivet, Eaton county. He had been a resident of Nashville for the past six years. The deceased was the son of Amos and Lucinda (Dacey) House. The survivors include the widow, Allie; one sister, Mrs. Jennie Kelley of Seattle, Wash., and several nieces and nephews. The funeral services will be conducted from the residence on Tuesday at 2 p. m., and burial will be made in the Woodlawn cemetery, Vermontville. Arrangements by the Ward funeral chapel, Vermontville.

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