## Nashville Man Dies

I. D. Charlton Founded Museum and Park

## (Special to The State Journal)

NASHVILLE — Irving D. Charlton, 80-year-old promoter of the Charlton Memorial Park west of here in Barry County, die d Wednesday evening in a Hastings hospital.

A native of Hastings Township, Charlton was superintendent of the memorial park which he established in 1936 with a donation of 184 acress to the county. This was in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Charlton.

After the donation of land, he matched county funds with his personal finances to build a museum. East year, he put up another \$18,000 with the county to eventually match that amount for an addition to the museum which features Barry and Eaton County history.

He attended Michigan State University where he graduated with a degree in civil engineering. He taught at the University of Washington in the state of Washington for 10 years, after which he returned to Barry County.

He was a promoter of Indian celebrations and the Michigan Steam Engine and Thresher Club which holds its annual meetings at the park.

There are no survivors. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Hastings and burial will be in from the Leonard Funeral Home Hastings Township Cemetery.

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## Mrs. Edith Smith, 80, buried Here Saturday

Mrs. Edith N. Smith, 80. of 246 E. Catherine St., widow of Arthur B. Smith, died Thursday morning ather home after a short illness.

Mrs. Smith was born in Kalamo Township of Eaton County, daughter of Edwin and Rocelia (Barnum) Nash, and graduated from Olivet High School. She was market Deve 15, 1902, to Arthur B: Smith in Kalamo. He died Jan. 4, 1962; They lived all their married

They lived all their married life in the vicinity of Bellevue. Mrs. Smith was a member of the Rebekah Lodge in Bellevue and its Past Noble Grand Club, of the Senior Citizens and the Bellevue Baptist Church if She also served as a correspondence for the Gazette for many years.

She is survived by one daughter. Mrs. Loren (Geneva) Fitzjohn of Marshall; two sons, Harley of 49 Wagner Dr., Battle Creek, and Cyril of Route 2, Bellevue; five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Services were held Sat., June 1 at the First Baptist Church. Rev. William Burns, officiating. Burial at Riverside Cemetery, Bellevue.