

1954

**Services Held Here
For E. B. Townsend,
Former Businessman**

Earl B. Townsend, 84, died Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wells, near Vermontville, where he had been cared for the last two months. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Otto funeral home, with the Rev. Corwin Biebighauser, pastor of the Nashville E. U. B. church, officiating. Burial was in Lakeview cemetery.

Mr. Townsend was born Mar. 25, 1870, in Hastings township, the son of Richard and Mary (Mullin) Townsend. In 1895, in Nashville, he was married to Miss Ada Reynolds and they made their home here until 1923. They returned to Nashville in 1943, after living in Florida 20 years.

From 1900 to 1906 Mr. Townsend operated a grocery store in the present location of Lathrop's Hatchery. When he and his brother Ray operated a grain elevator here until 1914, when he sold his interest, after having been elected Barry county register of deeds. He held that office until 1918, then, until leaving for Florida in 1923, was employed as assistant cashier in the State Savings bank. He served on term as supervisor of Castleton township.

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

**IN MEMORY
NETTIE C. DICKINSON**

BORN
July 28 1868

DATE OF DEATH
June 25, 1954

SERVICES FROM
Otto Funeral Home
Vermontville
2:30 p.m. — Sunday, June 27

CLERGYMAN OFFICIATING
Rev. Marcius Taber

FINAL RESTING PLACE
Woodlawn Cemetery
Vermontville, Michigan

Casket Bearers
Rolland Baker Talbert Curtis
Dale Northrup Arthur Hart
Ray Hawkins Raymond Shaffer

IN MEMORY

Evelyn R. Staup 40

BORN
September 26, 1903

DATE OF DEATH
June 18, 1954

SERVICES FROM
Otto Funeral Home
Vermontville
Sunday, June 20, 1954 — 2:30 P.M.

CLERGYMAN OFFICIATING
Rev. Marcius Taber

FINAL RESTING PLACE
Woodlawn Cemetery
Vermontville, Michigan

Casket Bearers

Benjamin Swift Fred Swift
Victor Swift Julius Hosmer
Merle Swift John Scott

**Funeral Today
Of R. E. Smith**

Funeral services were held this (Wednesday) afternoon for Robert Elmer Smith, a member of a well known Pembroke family, who died Monday night following a long period of ill health.

The service was held at the funeral home of Malcolm & Deavitt, where the body had rested, Reverend W. G. Prosser conducted the service and interment in Calvin church cemetery.

Born in Pembroke 49 years ago, Mr. Smith was the youngest son of the late James Smith, a prominent Pembroke merchant, and Mrs. Smith. He attended the local schools and was associated with his father's business for some years. Later he conducted a successful business at Maxville for a number of years, but was obliged to retire because of failing health and returned to Pembroke, where he had lived in recent years.

He married the former Hazel Shields of the Cobden district, who survives with his mother and two brothers, H. S. Smith of Pembroke and Gordon Smith, Cobden.