

### MAXWELL COFFIN DIED YESTERDAY

Prominent Little Rock Business Man,  
Passed Away at Home, Old, After  
Illness of Several Years' Duration,  
of Cancer—Will Being Made Here.

Maxwell Coffin, who for the past 15 years has been one of the most prominent figures in Little Rock real estate, banking and commercial circles, died at 70 years, Old, yesterday, death was due to a cancerous growth in his left eye, with which he had been afflicted for several years. For several days his condition had been critical and he death was not unexpected by his relatives and friends who were familiar with his true condition.

For the past year his condition had been such that the physician had said to hope and Mr. Coffin had been advised that the outlook might prove fatal at any time. Despite this warning Mr. Coffin maintained his cheerful temper, and he was always apparently bright, cheerful and light hearted.

Shortly three months ago he left on a Western trip, going first to Tampa, Fla., and later to Los Angeles, Los Angeles, and later to Los Angeles, where he did not enjoy a particularly successful business.

Increased since to Little Rock in the early 60's and various activities engaged in the real estate and commercial business. His first local business venture was a number of the real estate firm of Coffin & England, being associated with J. C. England, a prominent real estate factor of this city.

He originally held prominent the Commercial Bank, composed of the young or business men of the city, which organization was responsible for locating many of the splendid buildings now doing business in Little Rock. One of the first concerns brought to this city by the banker was the Duke Shave Company, which was followed by many others.

Mr. Coffin, more than any other single person in the development of the real estate business of this city, including Federal Heights, Highland Hills, Hillcrest and the Putnam addition. He purchased Hillcrest addition and the Putnam addition, and was instrumental in building the Capital Hotel was sold to the company now owning the New Capitol, and represented many of the greater business blocks of the city.

**From Prominent Family.**  
Maxwell Coffin was the son of James P. Coffin, of Louisville, a well known banker and public man. His first business experience as a member of the First National Cotton Company, one of the large companies handling cotton in Arkansas. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Annie Cockrell Coffin, daughter of the late Judge S. H. Cockrell, and one daughter, Mary, aged 19 years. Judge Charles Coffin, of Walnut Ridge, an uncle.

The remains will be brought to Little Rock, and the time of holding the funeral will be announced later.

**Caused by Accident.**  
Mr. Coffin's illness was the direct result of a slight accident years ago, while traveling a hot climate led up to his left eye, including the matter to such an extent that surgical operations by eminent oculists had failed to give relief, and later developed into a cancerous growth.

At the time that his condition became serious Mr. Coffin had in view several business prospects, among which was the erection of a splendid row of business and flat buildings in the west part of the city. At one time the plans were almost completed for the work, but his condition of health became such that he was compelled to drop the project.

During his life in this city he had been president of the bank of Little Rock, the Little Rock Trust Company, and was at the time of his death president of the Real Estate Exchange. Out of respect to him, the latter organization at the meeting this morning, adjourned without transacting the usual business.

**Funeral Tuesday Morning.**  
The services will be brought to Little Rock for interment, reaching here on the Iron Mountain train arriving at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. The funeral will be held direct from the station and the services will be conducted at the grave in Mount Holly Cemetery at 10 a. m. The pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, The pallbearers will be Charles L. Schaefer, H. F. Allen, D. H. Oster, C. F. Parris, H. E. Outman, and W. C. Haines.

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