

C. D. BABB, 72, DIED IN
CARLE HOSPITAL
Masons To Have Charge Of Burial In G. A. R. Cemetery
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Charles D. Babb, 72, prominent citizen of Homer community for many years, died at Carle Memorial hospital, Urbana, at 5:15 p. m. Sunday, July 30. Death was attributed to heart disease and other complications, and followed a year of declining health. He had been in the hospital four weeks.

Graveside funeral services, in charge of Homer Masonic lodge No. 199, have been arranged for 4:00 p. m. Saturday, in G. A. R. cemetery. Rev. W. I. Toussaint of the Homer Presbyterian church will officiate and Masons will serve as pall bearers.

Definite funeral arrangements were not made until Thursday morning, when it was learned that Mr. Babb's daughter, Mrs. Margaret Grant, will arrive from the west coast about noon Saturday. The body was brought from Champaign Thursday and will lie in state at the Babb home Friday and until noon Saturday.

Mr. Babb had been active in the business and civic affairs of Homer and vicinity since his early manhood. Since the closing of the banking house of Raynor & Babb in 1932 he had served efficiently in liquidating its affairs and had progressed to the place where he could see his task successfully completed. This had been the steadfast purpose of his last years. He was a Mason and was affiliated with the Presbyterian church. Charles Daniel Babb was born Jan. 2, 1867, near Royal, Ill., to Milton and Elizabeth (Littler) Babb, Champaign county pioneers who came to Illinois from West Virginia. The father died when his son was one year old.

He received his early education in the Homer schools and later attended Illinois College, Jacksonville.

He was married north of here on April 20, 1892, to Miss Alta M. Woody, who was born in this county and attended the public schools here. She later attended Illinois Woman's College in Jacksonville. The couple were the parents of one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Grant, Honolulu, Hawaii. Mrs. Babb died twelve years ago.

During his entire life Mr. Babb took a keen interest in business and civic affairs of the community. Prior to forming the banking house of Raynor & Babb in 1900, he was associated for a time with his banking partner, the later Eugene N. Raynor, in a real estate and mortgage loan business here, and for five years before that was in the service of the Champaign National Bank.

He had been a member of the Homer high school board for years, and was its president when the Homer Community high school district was organized and when the present building was erected. Under an appointment of the governor of Illinois, he served as a member of the board of trustees of the state school for the blind and was president of that board for four years.

Milton Babb, the father, was also a useful man in his community, having built the first school house in that section at his own expense. At the time of the elder Babb's death he owned 1050 acres of Champaign county farm land.

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Charles Daniel Babb —

Homer—(CNS)—One of the organizers of old Babb and Raynor State Bank, Charles Daniel Babb, 72, died at 6:30 p. m. Sunday, July 30, 1939, at Carle Hospital, Urbana, after being confined to the hospital a little more than a week from heart trouble.

He was a graduate of Jacksonville Busiss College and for many years was a trustee for Jacksonville School for the Blind. For a number of years he worked in Champaign National Bank after which he returned to Homer and with E. N. Raynor opened a real estate office. After awhile this was changed to a private bank and 1921 became the Babb and Raynor State Bank which voluntarily closed in February 1932. Since that time Mr. Babb had been retired. He had been in poor health a year.

For many years he was president of Homer Board of Education. It was while he held this office that the high school community district was organized and the new building erected. He was interested in farming and owned a large tract of land in Ontario, Canada. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Presbyterian Church.

Native of Royal

Son of James and Elizabeth Littler Babb he was born Jan. 1, 1867 at Royal, Ill. He was married t Alta Woody, Homer, who preceded him in death several years ago. He came to this community with his mother and step-father when he was 10 years old.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Grant, Honolulu, Hawaii, where her husband is stationed in the naval service; a granddaughter; a brother, Edwin Babb, Champaign, a half-brother, Milton J. Yeazel, Danville; a step-brother, M. L. Yeazel, Homer.

The body is at Mittendorf Funeral Home, Champaign, but will be brought Tuesday or Wednesday to Morehouse Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements will not be complete until arrival of Mrs. Grant from Hawaii.



Charles Babb