

Edgar Trimble Gaddis

(- 6 Oct 1967)

Gaddis, Edgar Trimble. On Friday, October 6, 1967, at Washington Hospital Center, Edgar Trimble Gaddis of 1017 East Capitol street, husband of the late Addie W. Gaddis, father of Mrs. Margaret G. Dutton. Friends may call at the Lee Funeral Home, 4th street and Massachusetts avenue northeast, until 10 p.m., Monday, October 9. Services in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 3rd and A streets southeast on Tuesday, October 10 at 11 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.



Gaddis, Edgar T. Special communication Naval Lodge, No. 4, F.A.A.M., is called at 7:30 p.m., Monday, October 9, 1967, for the purpose of conducting the Masonic funeral service for our late brother, Edgar T. Gaddis.

James R. King, Master
Roland M. Brown, Secretary

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Edgar Gaddis, 101, Director of Washington Bank, Hiker

Edgar T. Gaddis, 101, whose resignation as a director of the National Capital Bank was turned down last year, died Friday at Washington Hospital Center.

Although still in good health, Mr. Gaddis told the bank, "I feel I should make way for a younger man." But the resignation was not accepted. Instead, the bank honored him at a banquet for his long service.

Active Hiker

Mr. Gaddis recently had undergone a cataract operation, hospital officials said. He lived at 1017 E. Capitol St. Mr. Gaddis was born in Washington just after the close of the Civil War. He attended what was called Washington's "Advanced Grammar School," then the old Washington High School and Georgetown University Law School, where he earned a master's degree in 1893. After that, he became a pension lawyer until his gradual retirement from 1925 to 1930.

Until several years ago, Mr. Gaddis was an active hiker. He has been a member of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club since 1931.

"But I can't say that I have really given up hiking," he said on turning 100. "I am going to a meeting of the club Sunday night."

He explained that he was delicate as a child and had no faith in medicine.

"I am a firm believer in the two great gifts of nature," he said, "the circulation of the blood and the sap of the trees." Beyond that, he believed a man had to preserve what nature gave him.

Until 10 to 15 years ago he smoked two or three cigars a day, but never cigarettes. He never drank except for an occasional glass of beer which he quaffed before going to bed.

"Wiry and Tough"

Once when asked if hiking was responsible for his continuing good health, Mr. Gaddis responded:

"Well, maybe walking is good for the circulation, but I just happen to be wiry and tough."

He was a member of the Naval Lodge of the Masons.

Mr. Gaddis' wife, Addie, died in 1952. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Margaret T. Dutton.

Friends may call until 10 p.m. today at Lee Funeral Home, 4th and Massachusetts Avenue NE. Services will be at 11 a.m. tomorrow at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 3rd and A Streets SE, with burial at Congressional Cemetery. A Masonic service will be at 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.