

David Whitcomb, Sr., Civic Leader

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Funeral services for David Whitcomb, Sr., 86, financier and civic leader, will be at 11 o'clock tomorrow in Pilgrim Congregational Church. Cremation will be directed by the Bonney-Watson mortuary. He died Saturday in a hospital after a sudden illness.

A native of Worcester, Mass., Mr. Whitcomb received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Amherst College and his law degree at George Washington University after two years' study at the Harvard University Law School.

Mr. Whitcomb made trips to Seattle in 1898 and 1900 with his father, George Henry Whitcomb, who had extensive business interests here. The senior Mr. Whitcomb had financed Capitol Hill development and parts of the University District, in addition to owning several properties in downtown Seattle.

MR. WHITCOMB moved to Seattle in 1909 to take over management of his father's properties. Until two years ago, when he was succeeded by his son, David Whitcomb, Jr., he was president of the Arcade Building & Realty Co.

Mr. Whitcomb was trustee of the Building Owners and Managers' Association of Seattle for many years, serving as president from 1917-1919. He also had been an officer in the National Association of Building Owners and Managers; was a director of the United Exchange Building, Inc., and president of the Associated Central Business Properties in 1929.

He was a director and in 1918 president of the Title Trust Co. He also was a director of the National City Bank, the Seattle Trust & Savings Bank, the Washington Mutual Savings Bank and the Pacific National Bank.

MR. WHITCOMB was president of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce from 1924 to 1926, when the present Chamber of Commerce Building was constructed.

He was a trustee and vice president of the Community Hotel Corp. at the time of its organization and the construction of the Olympic Hotel. He also was a trustee of the Seattle Symphony Orchestra and served as vice president and on the executive committee many years. He was a trustee and president of the Lakeside School in its early years.

Mr. Whitcomb developed a 400-acre bluff area between Richmond Beach and



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Edmonds which he bought in 1912, into Woodway Park. His residence was at 22440 Dogwood Lane in Woodway Park.

He was an organizer of the Rainier National Park Co. and was a director, member of the executive committee and for three years president of the company; a trustee and chairman of the advertising committee of the Evergreen Playground Association; an incorporator and president of the Natural Parks Association; an incorporator and trustee of the State Parks Association, and president and director of the Pacific Travel Association, Ltd.

DURING THE First World War, Mr. Whitcomb managed the first war fund drive of the Red Cross in Seattle in 1917. He was federal fuel administrator for the State of Washington in 1917-1918 and later went to Washington, D. C., as executive secretary to the Federal Fuel Administrator.

Mr. Whitcomb was a member of the Rainier Club, the Seattle Golf Club, the Seattle Yacht Club, Psi Upsilon Fraternity and Phi Beta Kappa, honorary.

He was an incorporator and long-time trustee of the College Club. He was active in the Washington Union League Club, the Washington State Taxpayers' Association, the Washington Bureau of Governmental Research and the Republican Party.

A member of Pilgrim Congregational Church more than 50 years, Mr. Whitcomb was a trustee of the Washington Congregational Conference, an overseer of Whitman College and a supporter of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the China College and many other causes and charities.

SURVIVING besides his son are his wife, Mary Louise; a brother, Ernest Whitcomb, Amherst, Mass., and three grandchildren.

The family suggested that remembrances be to the Washington State Heart Association or charity.

MRS. NELSE ERICKSON

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna C. Erickson, 82, who died yesterday in a nursing home, will be at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday in the Wiggen & Sons chapel. Burial will be in Auburn.

Mrs. Erickson, of 1723 N. W. 63rd St., was born in Norway. She lived in Warren, Minn., before coming to Seattle 60 years ago. Her husband, Nelse, died in 1925.

Survivors include a daughter, Margaret Erickson; a son, Leonard Erickson, both of Seattle; two brothers, Martin Nelson, Anoka, Minn., and Ted Jensen, Thief River Falls, Minn., and a sister, Mrs. Bertha Warner, Hawthorne, Calif.

ARTHUR U. BROWN

Funeral services for Arthur U. Brown, 67, a retired hardware and real-estate salesman, will be at 1 o'clock Wednesday in the Wiggen & Sons Chapel. Burial will be in Evergreen.

Mr. Brown, who died in a hospital Saturday, resided at 1340 N. 79th St. He was a native of Missouri. He was a fruit-warehouse manager in Yakima 22 years before coming to Seattle in 1940.

Mr. Brown retired from the Ernst Hardware Co. in 1960.

Survivors are his wife, Lyla; and three sisters, Mrs. John Noel and Mrs. Johnson Van Marter, both of Yakima, and Mrs. Cora Sandmeyer, Klamath Falls, Ore.