

FORMER ARCOLA BANKER DIES

James R. Beggs Had Been
in Failing Health for
Months

ARCOLA, Feb. 27.—James R. Beggs, former president of the First National bank of Arcola, died in the Jarman Memorial hospital in Tuscola about 9 o'clock Friday morning. He had been in ill health for a year or more, and during the past few months has been confined to his home. About three weeks ago he was taken to the hospital and during the last few days was unable to recognize anyone.

Mr. Beggs was about 60 years of age and had been a resident of Arcola practically all his life. He has been in the banking business, connected with the First National Bank of Arcola which was founded in 1874 by his father, the late James Beggs, first as bookkeeper, then as cashier and at the death of his father 30 years ago, was made president of the bank.

The financial affairs of Mr. Beggs which recently became involved, was the cause of his removal from the presidency of the bank, though his affairs were not interwoven with those of that institution, so the bank was not affected. The difficulty related to funds in his hands in his capacity as executor, administrator and trustee of certain estates.

His failure to file annual reports in certain cases of guardianship and executorship brought about the action of the bondsmen in claiming his affairs were involved and asking a conservator be appointed for him.

This trouble added to his illness, aggravated his condition and hastened his death.

He leaves his widow who has been at his side during his illness, two brothers, Charles and Frank Beggs of Minneapolis, Minn., and two sisters, Mrs. Walter Dedrick of Denver, Colo. and Mrs. Robert Warne of Los Angeles, Cal.

James R. Beggs Obituary



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