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With Mr. Gittings at his death were his two daughters, Mrs. Cecil Barret of New York, Miss Dorothy Rosalia Gittings, and two of his sons, Henry May Gittings and Frederick May Gittings.

His third son, John S. Gittings, Jr., consul at Riga, Poland, was speeding homeward on the Leviathan, which will reach New York tomorrow. Funeral arrangements will await his arrival.

Mr. Gittings, son of the late William S. Gittings and Annie Aldrich Gittings, was born in the 500 block North Charles street. He was graduated from the Maryland Agricultural College and later completed his education in Bremen and St. John's College at Oxford.

In 1870 he entered the house of John S. Gittings & Son, founded by his father, and ten years later became head of the firm. He retired in 1912 when he closed his firm, the second oldest private bank in the South.

Mr. Gittings was prominent in the State's political life. He served a term as State Treasurer and as a member of the House of Delegates.

For fifteen years he was one of the governors of the Maryland Club and was president of the Merchants' Club at his death. He was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati.