

JOHN S. GITTINGS, RETIRED BANKER, DIES AT HIS HOME

Served As State Treasurer
And Member Of
Legislature.

PAYMASTER-GENERAL
UNDER TWO GOVERNORS

Son, En Route To U. S. On
Leviathan, Loser In
Race With Death.

John Sterett Gittings, retired banker, prominent clubman and former State Treasurer and member of the House of Delegates, died early today at his home, 3209 North Charles street.

According to friends of the family, John Sterett Gittings, Jr., son of the deceased, is en route to America on the Leviathan, due to arrive in New York Tuesday.

Tried Race With Death.

Mr. Gittings is in the diplomatic service, attached to the United States Legation at Riga. The son, it was stated, was informed of the serious illness of his father and boarded the Leviathan at Cherbourg in an effort to reach Baltimore before the end came.

Mr. Gittings, who was 78 years old, once owned the farm which was later cut up into the Ashburton development. The family still owns Ashburton House and many surrounding acres.

The estate had been in the family for more than one hundred years.

Directed Banks Here.

For many years Mr. Gittings was a member of the Cincinnati Society and treasurer for the Maryland chapter of that organization for a period. He served as one of the governors of the Maryland Club for fifteen years and was president of the Merchants Club at the time of his death.

Mr. Gittings for a long time was a director of the old Merchants National Bank, the Maryland Life Insurance Company and the Eutaw Savings Bank.

Served in Legislature.

Mr. Gittings served as a member of the State Legislature. He served one term as Treasurer of the State and was paymaster-general on the staff of two Maryland Governors.

The deceased was born in Baltimore at the corner of Charles and Hamilton streets, and was the son of the late William S. and Annie Aldridge Gittings. After his graduation from the Maryland Agricultural College Mr. Gittings went abroad to complete his education. He attended school in Bremen, Germany, and later was a student at St. John's College, at Oxford, England.

Retired in 1912.

Following his return from Europe, Mr. Gittings in 1870 entered the banking business with his grandfather, the late John S. Gittings, who founded the banking firm of John S. Gittings & Co. In 1880, when his grandfather died, Mr. Gittings succeeded him as head of the concern. The deceased retired from active business in 1912, when he closed the banking firm, the second oldest private bank in the South.

Mr. Gittings married the late Rosalie May, daughter of Henry May. He is survived by five children: Henry May Gittings, Mrs. Cecil Barret, Miss Dorothy Rosalie Gittings, John Sterett Gittings, Jr., and Frederick May Gittings.

RETIRED BANKER WHO DIED TODAY



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