

He was a director of the Stamford Y. M. C. A., vice-president of the Stamford Savings Bank, a director of the First-Stamford National Bank, and the Stamford Gas and Electric Co., besides being president of the business he founded, the C. O. Miller Co. He was a member of the Suburban Club, Stamford Yacht Club and Old Colony Club of New York.

# C. O. MILLER DEAD; END WAS SUDDEN

## Attack of Heart Failure When He Seemed to Be on the Way to Recovery.

### 52 YEARS IN BUSINESS; PUBLIC-SPIRITED CITIZEN

#### End Came in Hospital in Which He Took a Deep Interest.

Charles O. Miller died at the Stamford Hospital last evening, at the age of 72, after an illness of several months. No arrangements have as yet been made for the funeral, but it will be private.

Mr. Miller is survived by his wife and two children, a daughter, Sarah, and Charles O., jr., who has been associated with his father in business for twenty years. He is also survived by an older sister, Mrs. William Patemen of Irvington-on-Hudson.

#### Long Career in Business.

Mr. Miller was born July 12, 1847, at Bedford, N. Y. At the age of 21 he came to Stamford, and started a small store on Main Street opposite the Town Hall. In 1882, he erected the building on Atlantic Square now occupied by the C. O. Miller Co., and moved his business to the new structure, where it has occupied a leading place among the stores of Stamford for 37 years.

He was taken ill about three months ago, but was thought to be on the road to recovery up to a week ago, when he suffered a slight relapse. Even after this setback, his health improved, and yesterday afternoon he was sitting on the porch of the hospital, laughing and seeming to feel better than he had for some time. He was stricken with heart failure last evening, and died very suddenly.

His family life was a very happy one. He was a member of various clubs, and was identified with many local interests, but his greatest enjoyment was in the society of his family in his home. Mr. Miller was young for his age and preserved his intense interest in life up to the moment of death. Mr. Miller donated the building used as a nurses' home to the Stamford Hospital and his gifts to charity were many, although made so unostentatiously that few knew of them.

#### Public-Spirited and Philanthropic.

Mr. Miller's interest in the Stamford Hospital extended over many years. He was an earnest worker for the institution, and a generous contributor to its support. From the time of the death of Edwin L. Scofield, on Jan. 15, 1918, Mr. Miller, who was vice-president of the corporation, filled the position of president, till the annual meeting of the corporation, when he stated that he did not feel equal to assuming the responsibility of office, although he would continue his activities in behalf of the hospital.

Mr. Miller had traveled much, in this country and in others. He was a careful observer, a reader and a student, which made association with him a pleasing experience. He took a lively interest in public affairs, and was a generous contributor to many causes, civic, philanthropic and religious. He was a modest man, and it was his desire that, so far as possible, his gifts should not be made public.

On May 20, 1918, he presented to the town, through Selectman Moore, the service flag which has been displayed on the Town Hall. The presentation was made after a Red Cross parade. In the work of the Red Cross Mr. Miller was very active, and his gifts to the cause were among the largest in this town. He took a lively part in the various war-work drives, serving as a member of the various committees, and by his work and his example encouraging others.

One example of Mr. Miller's modesty was shown in January, 1916, when announcement was made that the Stamford Historical Society had been offered a site on River Street for a building which the society had planned to erect. The gift was an evidence of the interest of Mr. and Mrs. Miller in this project.

#### Gave Home for Nurses.

One of his recent gifts was that of property near the Stamford Hospital, which he gave last November, and which is now used as a nurses' home. Mr. Miller saw that, at the time, the most effective way in which the hospital's work could be helped was in providing a home for the nurses, for whom there were not adequate accommodations in the hospital buildings. The house on the property was altered, the Hospital Aid Society equipped it, and every one associated with the hospital feel a deep debt of gratitude to Mr. Miller.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, taking a lively interest in its work.