

## Obituary

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DANIEL J. BARRY  
WILLIAM L. FARMER  
EDWARD D. GIBB  
SAMUEL MILLIGAN  
GEORGE AKERS PARKS  
WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS  
J. ERNEST WHITE

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1909 . . . . . Daniel J. Barry . . . . . 1965

Daniel Barry, second vice president of the New York Life Insurance Company, died on July 25, 1965, after a long illness.

Mr. Barry was born in Brooklyn, New York, on February 12, 1909, and received his early educational training in various preparatory schools in Brooklyn. He enrolled at the University of Delaware and gained distinction as a mathematics student. He graduated in 1938 with honors and membership in the Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Society. He accepted a one-year teaching fellowship at the University of Delaware and taught mathematics to undergraduate engineering students while at the same time pursuing graduate studies.

He joined the New York Life as an actuarial student in 1939. His actuarial studies were interrupted in 1943 when he entered the United States Army. During his period of about two and one-half years of military service, he was selected to undertake studies in electrical engineering, including electronics, at Princeton and New York universities. Following these studies, he was assigned as a member of the Research and Development Service, Johns Hopkins University, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Mr. Barry returned to the New York Life in 1945 and completed his actuarial studies in 1954, at which time he attained fellowship in the Society of Actuaries. He was named assistant actuary of the company shortly thereafter and was appointed associate actuary in 1956.

Because of his unusual ability and background, Mr. Barry was assigned the duty in 1951 of studying applications of electronic computers to life insurance procedures. He was truly one of the "pioneers" in this complex

field which has become so important in life insurance company operations. Until his death he continued as a leader in this work, using to full advantage his keen intelligence, sound knowledge, and deep perception. During the course of this work, he designed, planned, and developed electronic systems in connection with the introduction of advanced electronic data-processing equipment to many areas of the company's operations. In recognition of his outstanding contribution to this work he was promoted in 1962 to second vice president.

Dan Barry's death was a sad blow to his associates at New York Life, who remember him with deep respect and admiration as an outstanding authority in his field, a warm and likable person, and a loyal friend whom they will sorely miss.

He is survived by his wife, Jean.

1922 . . . . **William L. Farmer** . . . . 1965

William L. Farmer, vice president and actuary of Protective Life, Birmingham, Alabama, died at his home, apparently of a heart attack, on Sunday, September 19, 1965.

A native of Gadsden, Alabama, Mr. Farmer moved to Montgomery, Alabama, at an early age and resided there until he was employed by Protective Life in 1945. He was educated in the public schools of Montgomery and attended the University of Alabama.

He was a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a member of its Education and Examination Committee. He was also a past president of the Southeastern Actuaries Club.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Spinks Farmer, and two daughters, Sally Anne and Gail, of Homewood, Alabama, and his mother, Mrs. J. L. Farmer, of Montgomery.

1909 . . . . **Edward D. Gibb** . . . . 1965

Edward D. Gibb, vice president and chief actuary of North American Life Assurance Company at his early retirement in 1963, died on May 26, 1965. He was 56.

Mr. Gibb was born to missionary parents in Hweichowfu, China, and received his early education there. He came to Canada in 1926 and was graduated from McMaster University in 1929. His entire career was spent with North American.

He became a Fellow of the Actuarial Society of America in 1938 and served on the Examination Committee for several years. At his retirement he was a member of the Society's Committee on Papers.

Mr. Gibb was very active on committees of the Toronto Actuaries Club and its successor, being the first secretary to produce minutes of the Canadian Association of Actuaries in 1946. He also served on many committees of the Canadian Life Insurance Officers Association.

A quiet, unassuming man, he had an exceptionally keen, logical mind capable of penetrating to the heart of a complex problem. He enjoyed literary works and kept abreast of scientific developments both in mathematics and astronomy. He was a fine bridge player. Although in indifferent health for some years, he made light of his various ills and kept active at business, his home, and his summer cottage.

Mr. Gibb's contributions to his profession and his company were notable, and his close associates will miss his help and guidance.

He is survived by his wife, a son, and a daughter.

1887 . . . . Samuel Milligan . . . . 1965

Samuel Milligan, a Fellow of the Society, died on August 8, 1965, at the age of 78. He was born in Londonderry in County Derry, Ireland, on May 12, 1887, and was graduated from Foyle College there. In 1906 he came to this country and joined the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company on December 31 of that year as an audit clerk. Later he transferred to the company's Actuarial Division and qualified as a Fellow of the Society in 1916. He was appointed an assistant actuary of the company in 1920.

In 1926 he was given responsibility for the operation of the company's Ordinary Department with the title of third vice president. He was advanced to second vice president in 1936, vice president in 1944, and administrative vice president in 1951. In 1953 he was elected senior vice president and a member of the company's Board of Directors. He retired from active service with the company on December 31, 1957.

In 1949 Mr. Milligan was awarded the Ulster-Irish Honor Medal by the Ulster-Irish Society of New York. The medal is awarded annually to a person of Ulster birth or descent "who has enriched the arts, sciences and life of the people of the United States." The citation accompanying the award read in part,

Your superb achievements in the world of finance, your invaluable service to our Government in National emergencies, are worthy of honor, but it is what you are, rather than what you have done, that brings us together tonight to acclaim you.

The high esteem in which you are held by the tens of thousands of the Metropolitan staff, your unflinching courtesy to, and consideration of the humblest worker, your exemplification of all that is fine in Ulster character, your true

democracy in that you walk with the kings of finance yet keep the common touch, make you the ideal recipient of this medal.

We honor ourselves in honoring you.

At the time of the award, the late Leroy A. Lincoln, then president of the Metropolitan, expressed the following tribute to Mr. Milligan:

I know you will speak for all of us on the many facets of Mr. Milligan's character and abilities. I have often said, and have not yet been challenged, that Samuel Milligan is the most valuable, all-around Officer that we have in the Metropolitan. His genial personality and common-sense attitude toward things are accompanied by a deep sense of responsibility and of a desire to secure the correct solution of any question.

Sam Milligan was an extremely generous man with both his time and money. The extent of his generosity is little known, since he always insisted on anonymity. But he was a true example of the man who would give the shirt off his back if he thought it was needed.

Mr. Milligan was a Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society and an honorary member of the Home Office Life Underwriters Association. He was also a member of the New York Athletic Club, the American-Irish Historical Society, and the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

An ardent fisherman and hunter, he had for many years maintained a home on Lake Champlain, where he resided at the time of his death.

A bachelor, Mr. Milligan is survived by his sister, Miss May R. Milligan of Westport, New York.

## 1899 . . . . George Akers Parks . . . . 1965

George A. Parks, retired associate secretary of Bankers Life Company, died of cancer on August 28, 1965, at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines.

Born in Marceline, Missouri, July 27, 1899, he graduated from high school there and received his B.A. degree from Park College, Parkville, Missouri. He then attended the State University of Iowa, where he received his M.S. degree. Following this, Mr. Parks taught mathematics at the Carnegie Institute of Technology at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Joining Bankers Life Company in July, 1923, in the Actuarial Department, he was named supervisor of Home Office Personnel and Planning in 1929, elected assistant secretary in March, 1931, and promoted to associate secretary in December, 1956. He retired July 31, 1964.

He was coauthor with Dr. Floyd S. Harper, formerly of Drake University, of a textbook, entitled *Elementary Mathematics of Life Insurance*, used in the educational Institute of the Life Office Management Association.

Mr. Parks was an Associate of the Society of Actuaries, a member of Life Office Management Association, and a member of the Administrative Management Society. A charter member of the Des Moines chapter of AMS, he had served as president and on various committees.

Active in civic affairs, he served as a member of the board of the Polk County Society for Crippled Children and Adults for the years 1956-62. In addition, he was a member of the board of directors of the Public Health Nursing Association, 1956-61.

He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, which he served both as senior deacon and as chairman of the board of trustees. He was a Mason and a past president of the Des Moines (Downtown) Kiwanis Club.

A man of fine character who had earned the deepest respect of all who knew him, Mr. Parks will be remembered with affection for his alert mind and sympathetic understanding in dealing with others. He will be missed by his associates in business and in the community and, also, by his many friends throughout the life insurance industry.

His survivors are his wife, Dorothy; two sons, G. William, of Des Moines, and James E., of Albuquerque, New Mexico; two sisters, Mrs. Chelsea P. Love, of Claremont, California, and Mrs. Josephine P. Blackburn, of Decatur, Illinois; and four grandchildren.

**1894 . . . William H. Saunders . . . 1965**

William H. Saunders, an Associate of the Society, died on October 18, 1965, in his seventy-second year.

Mr. Saunders was a native of Brooklyn, New York, and it was there that he received his early education. He joined the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in 1908 as a mail boy, and later entered actuarial work, becoming an Associate in 1928.

During World War I, he saw service overseas in the Tank Corps under then Colonel George S. Patton, returning to Metropolitan after the end of the war. Mr. Saunders made himself an expert in field compensation agreements and was an authority on company practices from the time of the earliest agency contracts for industrial weekly business. His knowledge and ability in this area were widely recognized by all his associates. Of a quiet and retiring nature, he made many warm friends and kept a youthful appearance, until the onset of his final illness.

Mr. Saunders retired from the Metropolitan in 1963, having been on disability for some time prior to his retirement. He is survived by his wife, Tekla, who resides in Florida.

**1893 . . . . . J. Ernest White . . . . . 1965**

J. Ernest White, a Fellow of the Society, died at his home on June 20, 1965, in his seventy-second year.

Mr. White was born on December 5, 1893, near Orangeville, Ontario, where he received his early education. He was a graduate of the University of Toronto, where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Honours Mathematics and Physics.

Following graduation he joined the staff of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company in the Actuarial Department. Except for a period of war service overseas during World War I, he remained with the Manufacturers until June, 1924.

At that time Mr. White joined the Dominion of Canada General Insurance Company when it commenced writing life insurance. He was responsible for the direction of the company's life insurance business from its inception and in October, 1951, he was appointed general manager. In 1956 he became a member of the Board of Directors. He retired from active management in February, 1960, but continued to take a keen interest in company affairs.

Mr. White became a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries in 1929.

Mr. White was in poor health for some months before his death, and it is a matter of regret that he was not permitted to enjoy the full leisure of his retirement. He was a quiet, thoughtful man and had earned the deep respect of all those who were associated with him. He is survived by his widow, Myrtle, his daughter, Mrs. Douglas Brignall, and four grandchildren.