

Wilmer Thompson Former Resident, Claimed by Death

Santa Rosa friends were saddened yesterday on learning of the death of Robert Wilmer Thompson, former Santa Rosan and son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Thompson, at Haverford, Pennsylvania, February 16. Funeral services were held at Haverford February 18, with interment in a cemetery there.

Wilmer Thompson's father, the late Robert A. Thompson, was an early-day editor of The Press Democrat. The family resided in Cherry street, opposite Cherry lane.

Thompson, a year ago, suffered an attack of pneumonia from which he never fully recovered. This ailment weakened his heart and brought on other complications which resulted in his death, according to word received from a sister, Mrs. Mary Deady, of Atlanta, Georgia.

At the time of his death, Thompson held a responsible position with the government in getting the new highway through from

Harrisburg to Pittsburgh, Penn. His illness forced him to give up the task of tracing titles of property on the right of way and he spent a good deal of his time at headquarters in Spartansburgh, Penn., his sister wrote.

Thompson leaves his widow, Mrs. Ethel Maule Thompson, the daughter of Mrs. William H. Maule and the late William H. Maule of Haverford. Also surviving are his brother, Reginald West Thompson, and his sisters, Mrs. Deady and Mrs. Alan Dean Whittaker, of Atlanta. Two nieces, Louise Thompson and Virginia Thompson, of Portland, Oregon, and three nephews, Philip Rootes Thomson, also of Portland, Lieut. Alan D. Whittaker of Mill Valley and William West Whittaker, of Atlanta, also are among survivors.

Wilmer Thompson was born in Santa Rosa and lived here until his family moved to San Francisco, where he attended high school and the Spalding school. He went in the army as a lieutenant and spent some years in the Philippine Islands, resigning on his return to enter business at Paterson, New Jersey.

He visited in Santa Rosa about four years ago, coming here with his sister, Mrs. Deady, calling on many old friends. He had since written frequently of his amazement at growth of his old home city, and the development which had come following his departure many years ago.