

[Sweet, Elbert A.]

### Sweet Rites to Be Held Tomorrow

Funeral services for Elbert A. Sweet of 112 West Edward Street, Endicott, retired president of the E. A. Sweet Co., Inc., of Binghamton, will be at 2 p.m. tomorrow.

Mr. Sweet, who was 80, died yesterday afternoon at his home after a long illness.

The Rev. Wilbus J. Kerr of Union Presbyterian Church will preside at the rites at the Coleman and Daniels Funeral Home, 300 East Main Street, Endicott [the minister of the Universalist Church in Binghamton having recently resigned]. Burial will be in Gibson, Pa., at the convenience of the family.

#### BUSINESS STARTED

Mr. Sweet had been a resident of Endicott since 1912, when he established a grocery business in the village. He started the Binghamton leather findings concern in 1922 after taking over a business formerly operated by Harrison J. Wilcox.

The E. A. Sweet Co. has been operated by his twin sons, Floyd B. and Lloyd E. Sweet, since Mr. Sweet's retirement as company president 15 years ago.

Lloyd Sweet, through his marriage to the former Miss Lillian Johnson, is a son-in-law of George F. Johnson.

#### BORN IN GIBSON, PA.

The business leader was born Nov. 27, 1867, in Gibson, Pa. He was educated there and subsequently taught in Gibson schools. He married the former Miss Gertrude Barrett of Gibson on June 5, 1889. The couple was honored at an elaborate golden wedding anniversary by friends and relatives in 1939.

Mr. Sweet was active for many years as a member of the Binghamton Rotary Club. He was a director of Binghamton Automobile Club and a member of Binghamton Lodge, F. and A. M., and of Kalurah Shrine. He was affiliated with the First Universalist Church of Binghamton.

His survivors, in addition to his widow and twin sons, include two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Sweet Dornheim of Endicott and Mrs. Corrine Sweet Starr of Hanover, N.J.; a brother, Irwin A. Sweet of Binghamton, and six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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