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Sheriff Ben Lombard Dies In Clarksdale

CLARKSDALE, Miss., Feb. 13 (AP) Sheriff Benjamin Russell Lombard of Coahoma County died suddenly at his home here early today following a heart attack.

He is a cousin of Mrs. J. H. Lear of Greenwood.

Sheriff Lombard had apparently been in good health and had attended the meeting in Oxford yesterday of the DeSoto Highway Association. He lived only a few minutes after he was stricken.

A native of Coahoma County, he was graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, served during the World war as a major in the Infantry Division of the United States Army, and continued in the service after the war, attaining the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

He resigned from the service several years ago because of ill health and was elected sheriff in 1939.

Funeral services were scheduled at 10:30 A. M. here Friday. Survivors included his wife and his foster father, J. D. Smith, a member of the Coahoma County Board of Supervisors.

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