

A. Bennett Gates, Former Head Of Hotel Chain, Dies

A. Bennett Gates, 72 years old, Dayton, O., until recently president of the Gates-McClellan Hotel Company which formerly owned the Hotel Severin here, died yesterday in Miami Valley Hospital at Dayton after a brief illness.

Born in Indianapolis, he attended public schools here and later studied at Yale University. He became associated with his father, H. B. Gates, in the hotel business in 1904, becoming secretary of the company in 1912 and president upon the death of the senior Gates in 1916.

Mr. Bennett Gates sold his

interests in the company in 1922, devoting his time to operation of the Hotel Miami at Dayton. He retired in 1932.

He was a member of the Indianapolis University Club, Kiwanis Club, Dramatic Club and Country Club here and many other organizations in Ohio, including the Masonic Lodge.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Robert C. Schenck of Dayton and Mrs. Donald W. Wilson of Gladstone, N.J., and a son, James Gates of Dayton.

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