
WILLIAM E. YERKS, 70, EX-LUMBER DEALER

Retired Yonkers Business Man Dies of Heart Ailment

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YONKERS, N. Y., April 17.—William E. Yerks of 180 Hudson Terrace, a retired lumber merchant and formerly active in business circles and organizations here, died today of a heart ailment in St. John's Riverside Hospital at the age of 70.

Born in New York City, he moved to Yonkers when an infant. His father, Elijah Yerks Sr., founded a lumber business and later admitted his two sons, William and Elijah M., to membership in the firm.

William, who retired eight years ago, had been active in the City Club of Yonkers, the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce, Odd Fellows, Volunteer Firemen, Hudson River Country Club and Amackassin Club.

Two daughters, the Misses Gertrude S. and Isabel M. Yerks, and his brother, Elijah, survive.

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