

M. B. Smith, Local Realtor, Dies Suddenly

M. B. Smith, 72, dean of Schenectady's real estate men, died suddenly Wednesday night of a heart attack shortly after his arrival at his home, 1022 Palmer avenue, following a business call in Scotia.

Mr. Smith was one of the principal developers of Schenectady real estate in the boom days of the first decade of the 20th century. Among the several developments which he handled were the 10 plots of the Banker estate, comprising a large section of the present Second ward, north of Nott street. Many of the streets of the area were named by him. At the time he erected his first home here, at 1307 Union street opposite Elmer avenue, upper Union street was in large part farm land. A considerable part of this acreage was subdivided and sold under his charge, and many of the early homes of the Wendell avenue and boulevard sections were erected by him.

Mr. Smith was a director of the Schenectady Real Estate Board and active in the real estate business at the time of his death. He was born in Baldwinsville near Syracuse, where reside two sisters, Mrs. Mary McCarthy and Mrs. Theresa McCarthy. A brother, James H. Smith, well known real estate man in Syracuse, and Mrs. Martin Savage of Buffalo, a third sister, also survive, together with his widow, Mrs. Lillian E. Chamberlain Smith of the Palmer avenue address, and Robert J. Smith, his son, of 1328 Union street.

He was a communicant of St. Helen's Church and a requiem mass will be said there at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Burial will be at the family plot, Baldwinsville.