

John Sterett Gittings, Retired Banker, Dies

PROMINENT FOR MANY YEARS

John Sterett Gittings, retired banker, and for many years one of the most prominent figures in social, political and financial life in Baltimore, died this morning at his residence in the Burford Apartments, 3209 North Charles street. He had been ill several weeks.

At his bedside were his two daughters, Mrs. Cecil Barret of New York, Miss Dorothy Rosalie Gittings, and two sons, Henry May Gittings and Frederick May Gittings. His third son, John Sterett Gittings, Jr., who is Consul at Riga, Poland, sailed for this country as soon as he heard of his father's illness. He is due in New York Monday.

BORN IN CITY

The son of the late William S. Gittings and Annie Aldrich Gittings, and the grandson of John S. Gittings, who founded in 1832 the banking-house of John S. Gittings & Son, Mr. Gittings was born in Baltimore in 1847.

POLITICAL LIFE

Mr. Gittings was prominent in the political life of the community, having been at various times a member of the State Legislature, Treasurer of the State under Governor Jackson, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House and member of the Park Board, and was Paymaster General on the staff of two Governors of Maryland.

He was for many years the treasurer of the Maryland Chapter of the Cincinnati Society, and was a director of the old Merchants' National Bank, the Maryland Life Insurance Company and the Eutaw Savings Bank.

He married the late Rosalie May, daughter of the Hon. Henry May. Besides his children he is survived by four grandchildren.

He was master of Ashburton, the Gittings estate near Walbrook, all of which except the house and surroundings grounds was sold several years ago.

For 15 years Mr. Gittings was one of the governors of the Maryland Club, and at his death he was the president of the Merchants' Club.