

WILL MUSSEY OF BILLIARD FAME DIES IN OHIO

William P. Mussey, former head of William P. Mussey & Co., owners of the string of billiard rooms and bowling alleys in Chicago and other middle west cities known throughout the cue and pin worlds simply as "Mussey's," died yesterday at the Elyria hotel in Elyria, O. Mr. Mussey sold out his business interests five years ago and moved to Elyria to enter the hotel business.



WILLIAM P.
MUSSEY.

Mr. Mussey was born in Rutland, Vt., in 1860, a year after his father, Charles E. Mussey, had opened the first billiard parlor in that city.

Moves to Chicago.

His father later moved to Columbus, O., and later opened billiard rooms in St. Louis which became the headquarters for such famous old cue masters as George F. Slosson, Tom Gallagher, Eugene Carter, and Cyrille Dion.

The elder Mussey moved to Chicago in 1883 and opened "Mussey's" on Madison street. When he died in 1897 his son succeeded him as head of the business.

"Will" Mussey was almost as well known as a trap shooter as a billiardist. It was due to his encouragement that three cushion billiards attained such wide popularity.

Headed Billiard League.

He formerly was president of the National Billiard league. Mr. Mussey was married in Pueblo, Colo., in 1897 to Kathryn McCoy, who survives him. He also leaves one daughter, Miss Louise Mussey, 17 years old.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced as yet further than the body will be brought here Friday morning for burial.