

Death notice, newspaper, W.A. Bender

Peaceful in Death

William A. Bender was Discovered Yesterday Morning

Retired Saturday Night in Best of Health Apparently

Was Traveling Auditor of Gulf Compress Co.

When the family of William A. Bender arose yesterday morning shortly after 8 o'clock, at the residence , 54 No. Fourth St., they discovered their father peacefully sleeping the sleep of death.

Mr. Bender had retired Saturday night in the best of health. He had not complained of being ill and when the shadows of night fell he drifted into a peaceful slumber. When the members of the family went to awaken him in the morning they found him peacefully asleep in death, with no signs of suffering or pain.

Immediately after the discovery was made, a physician (Dr. John F. Cochran) was summoned and upon examination, he said that no reason for his death could be assigned beyond that of heart failure. The members of the family said that Mr. Bender had been in better health recently than ever before. He was to have left the city yesterday for Georgia and Florida on an inspection trip for the Gulf Compress Co., with which he was associated. All arrangements for his departure had been made.

Mr. Bender was 57 years of age. He was traveling auditor for the Gulf Compress Co. and assistant to C.C. Hansen, of Atlanta, President of the company. Mr. Bender had served this company for the past twenty years. He was Superintendent of the Memphis Compress for a number of years and had recently been promoted as assistant to C.C. Hansen, as traveling auditor. Mr. Bender had the distinction of having worked for two concerns only during his life. He began his career when a boy with the Louisville and Nashville RR, remaining with that company until about twenty years ago, when he went with the Gulf Compress Co. He was born and reared in Memphis and lived here continuously until his death.

Mr. Bender is survived by five sons and two daughters. His sons are: Will, Charles, James, Harry, and Lehman, and his daughters, Mrs. D.A. Fisher and Miss Fannie Bender.

Mrs. D.A. Fisher is in San Antonio, TX, but will arrive in Memphis at 4:45 o'clock this afternoon, when arrangements for the funeral will be made.

Mr. Bender was well known in Memphis. He was a good business man and a valuable attache of the Compress Company.
