

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cochran Die in Automobile Crash

Car Collides with Truck on Route 51

Two Thrown from Auto; Trucker Says Cochran Drove into Traffic Crossing Highway

Businessman Dies in North Side Hospital of Internal Injuries

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey A. Cochran of Logan Road were fatally injured in a traffic accident on Pennsylvania Route 51 near East Palestine late Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Cochran, aged 73, chairman of the board of the G.M. McKelvey Co., died at 2 p.m. today in North Side unit of Youngstown Hospital. Mrs. Cochran, aged 73, was killed almost instantly when their car was smashed.

Cochran was taken from Salem City Hospital to the North Side unit of Youngstown Hospital early this afternoon.

Pennsylvania state police say Cochran was crossing Pennsylvania Route 51 at the intersection of the East Palestine-Enon Valley, Pa., Road when his car collided with a 10-ton trailer truck en route to New York with general merchandise from Akron.

The truck driver, Robert L. Welker, aged 39, of 1174 Collinwood, Akron, told police the Cochran car pulled right in front of him. Mr. and Mrs. Cochran were thrown from their car. Mrs. Cochran was killed instantly when one of the wheels of the truck passed over her body. Welker escaped injury.

Body Brought Here

Mrs. Cochran's body was taken to Van Dyke's Funeral Home, East Palestine, and brought to the Shriver-Allison Funeral Home in Youngstown today.

Cochran had a fractured skull, a fractured left leg and serious internal injuries. He is widely known throughout the section as a horseman and has been a figure at horse shows throughout the area since he was a young man.

Mrs. Cochran was the former Sara E. Davis, daughter of John E. and Maria S. Davis, a member of one of the leading Welsh families in this district. Her father was in the insurance and real estate business, a Civil War veteran and represented this district in the state legislature. He was prominent in district politics and the old home on Belmont Ave was the scene of many social affairs.

Mrs. Cochran was one of the best pianists and organists of her day and at 13, before her feet could touch the pedals, played the organ of the First Baptist Church.

Later on, she was the organist of the Memorial Presbyterian Church. Visiting artists insisted on having Mrs. Cochran as an accompanist whenever possible and as a young woman she had attained professional status as a musician although she insisted on giving her talents generously to the community.

Married in 1901

An only daughter with a family of four sons, and a woman of unusual beauty as well as rare musical ability, she was courted by the city's most eligible young men. Her marriage to Chauncey Cochran in 1901 was one of the city's outstanding social events.

The family lived for years on Wick Avenue while maintaining a country place on South Ave. Extension. Later, they moved to Bryson and Indiana where they built a new home when that section was one of the most restricted in the city.

Early in life, Mrs. Cochran took an interest in antiques and her home was filled with what are today almost priceless pieces, many of which came to her from her own family and the Cochran family. She was known as an interior decorator of professional ability and had rare taste. Mrs. Cochran was a great wit and her Welsh stories were famous.

She attended Wood St. School, Rayen School, and was a charter member of the New Century Club. She leaves her husband; a son, Lucius D. Cochran of Youngstown; a daughter, Mrs. Alan Jackson of New York; four grandchildren, Chauncey Andrews Cochran; Mary Isabella Cochran; and Sara Van Fleet Cochran of Youngstown and Aileen Jackson of New York; and a brother, Charles Davis of Cleveland.

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Joint Funeral Planned Wednesday for Cochrans

Joint funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey A. Cochran of Logan Road, traffic accident victims, will be held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Shriver-Allison North Side Funeral Home. The family will meet friends at the funeral home today from 7 to 9 p.m.

Mrs. Cochran was killed near Enon Valley, Pa., in an auto-truck collision at about 5 p.m. Sunday. Mr. Cochran, aged 73, chairman of the board and secretary of the G. M. McKelvey Co., injured in the crash, died at 2 p.m. Monday at the North Side unit of Youngstown Hospital.

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Mr. Cochran was taken to the Salem City Hospital with a fractured leg, fractured skull and serious internal injuries. He was brought to the North Side Hospital at noon for an operation. He died at 2 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Cochran had left their home for their usual Sunday afternoon drive. They had stopped at the home of their son, Lucius D. Cochran, Southern Blvd, and had planned to stop again en route home.

Son of Lucius Cochran

Mr. Cochran had been a widely known figure in Youngstown throughout his life. The son of Lucius E. Cochran, leading businessman of the city for many years, he was born and reared in an atmosphere of culture.

For many years he was actively associated with his father as his right hand man in his many business interests. Lucius E. Cochran was a partner in Andrews Bros. & Company at Haselton and eventually became its president. It was sold to the Republic Iron & Steel Co.

The elder Cochran also was president of the Youngstown Car Manufacturing Co., Youngstown Bridge Co., Youngstown Iron and Steel Roofing Co., Youngstown Pressed Steel Co., the Mahoning Motor Car Co., the G. M. McKelvey Co., the Edwin Bell Co., and the Mahoning Valley Water Co. He also was vice president of the Commercial National Bank, the Morris Hardware Co., a director of the Youngstown Carriage and Wagon Co., helped organize and was a director of the Ohio Steel Co., and the Pittsburgh, Cleveland & Toledo Railroad Co.

Chauncey Cochran carried on in most of these companies after his father's death, looking after the family property and investments. For many years, he had an office in Central Tower. The walls were paneled and the floors were covered with oriental rugs.

Liked Fine Horses

On the carved tables there were magazines about the things that interested Mr. Cochran the most, horses, blue blooded cattle, sports, photography, fine houses. For many years he maintained a large farm on South Ave. extension where he bred fine horses, had a small show and riding ring, and kept alive traditions of yesterday.

He loved the annual horse shows and was there from the day the shows opened until the last animal left the grounds. Often he was a figure in the ring as well, in one capacity or another. As an amateur photographer he had built up a library of local pictures as well as various places he had visited.

He attended the local school and then went to an eastern military school. In recent years most of his time has been devoted to the G. M. McKelvey Co. He liked public functions and enjoyed taking part in them. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, a Republican, and a Mason.

He leaves his son, Lucius; a daughter, Mrs. Alan [Esther] Jackson of New York; and four grandchildren, Chauncey Andrew Cochran, Mary Isabella Cochran, and Sara Van Fleet Cochran; and Aileen Jackson.

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