

“The Death of Nathan H. Baile”

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Seventy-five years ago, Carroll Countians mourned the death of Nathan H. Baile, a prominent citizen of New Windsor. The 30 April issue of the Westminster American Sentinel newspaper, published a front-page obituary:

“Nathan Haines Baile, president of the First National Bank of New Windsor, this county, with which he had been connected for 57 years, died Sunday morning April 25, 1926, at his late residence in New Windsor, in the 80th year of his age.

He is survived by two children, Miss Marie Baile, at home, and John Smith Baile, of New Windsor.

Tuesday at 2 P.M., the funeral services were held at his late residence, Revs. Loughlin and Frazier of New Windsor Presbyterian church officiating, and the interment was in the Westminster cemetery.

The honorary pallbearers were Chief Judge F. Neal Parke, James A. C. Bond, Allen Farquhar, Edgar Tschifely, Townshend Scott, Dr. H. L. Elderdice, L. H. Diehlman, and Frank Leiser.

The active pallbearers were Walter Getty, Herbert Getty, R. Lee Myers, John Smith, Howard Devilbiss and Grant Devilbiss.

Harvey Bankard funeral director.

Mr. Baile was a son of the late Judge Isaac C. Baile and Eliza A. Baile, of this city, where the deceased spent a part of his early manhood as a merchant in association with the late Joseph Waesche. When he and Mr. Waesche severed their business relations Mr. Baile accepted a clerical position in the First National Bank of New Windsor under the supervision of the late Joseph Stouffer, the then cashier of the bank, and upon whose resignation Mr. Baile was made cashier, a position he held until a few years ago when he was made president of the bank, and Mr. Walter Getty, who had been with the institution for many years, was made cashier.

Mr. Baile led a quiet and unostentatious life. The bank, his farm, his church and his home consumed the greater part of his time, and to the care of which he gave his best efforts. Incidentally, he would take an interest in the affairs of the Republican party to which he was by association and principles attached. In furtherance of his interest in his party he accepted the presidency of The American Sentinel Company upon the organization of the company, and, until his health and business engagements prevented, he was active in its affairs.

Last year Mr. Baile and his daughter enjoyed a pleasure trip through the Panama Canal and up the Pacific Coast. It was the last of many trips he had enjoyed. He was fond of travel and of the history of New Windsor and vicinity, and could, off hand, name whole families, their intermarriages, and describe quite accurately, the farms, roads, and many other geographical matters of the neighborhood in which he spent the major part of his life.

Mr. Baile was a Christian gentleman, and

"If there be another world, he rests in peace.  
If there be none, he made the most of this."

As noted in the last paragraph of the obituary, Nathan Baile possessed a remarkable knowledge of his community and its environs. He also took an interest in his community. In the 1890s he and nine other stockholders paid \$100 each to erect a town hall on the second floor of the schoolhouse. Frank J. Devilbiss, amateur historian of New Windsor, wrote in 1894, "...the enterprise did not prove to be a financial success but was incalculable value to the interests of the town."



*Nathan Haines Baile was a prominent member of the New Windsor Presbyterian Church when he died in April 1926. He was buried in the Westminster Cemetery. Historical Society of Carroll County collection, gift of Mrs. Vivian Englar Barnes, 1979.*