

Charles Nash, Auto Company Head, Is Dead

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., June 7. (AP)—Death has stilled the heart and hand of one of America's leading industrialists, Charles Warren Nash.

Nash, who rose from an orphan farm boy to president of General Motors, succumbed at his home yesterday after a long illness. He had been a victim of heart disease for the last two years but remained active in the affairs of the Nash Motor Company, which he founded, until about six months ago. He was 84 years old.

Born in De Kalb county, Illinois, Nash was an orphan at six and was bound out under a guardianship court order to a farmer near Flushing, Mich., to work for his board and keep. At the age of 21, under the agreement with the farmer, he was to receive \$100 and three suits of clothes.

Six years later he ran away, going from farm to farm and cramming a meager education as best he could. He quit farming in 1890, went to work for a carriage works that William C. Durant built into an auto manufacturing concern in Flint.

When Durant purchased the Buick Motor Company, he made Nash president and general manager. Two years later Nash was president of General Motors and a power in the industry, but he stepped out and formed his own company, building the first Nash in 1917.

Nash was a tireless worker and success never affected his modesty. He was friendly and approachable, always.

Mrs. Nash, the former Jessie Hallack of Burton Township, Michigan, died last year.

Two daughters, Mrs. Mae Brenton, Beverly Hills, and Mrs. C. H. Bliss, of Grosse Point Farms, Mich., survive.

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