

# Julius Shafer, 79, Seattle Capitalist, Dies

Julius Shafer, pioneer Seattle merchant and capitalist, died after a brief illness last night. He was 79 years old.

Mr. Shafer became ill last week and was hospitalized. Until that time he had been active in civic, charitable and business activities.

Mr. Shafer's career was a typical success story of a poor immigrant boy.

Born in Austria, he came to the United States when he was 12 years old and to Seattle when he was 18.

## Brothers Developed Store

Accompanied by his brother, Issie, Mr. Shafer arrived here in March, 1890. The brothers had saved \$700 from working in Leavenworth, Kas., and Tyler, Tex. They started a second-hand clothing store and developed it into one of the Pacific Northwest's leading clothing firms. It was a center for men outfitting to go to Alaska during the gold rush.

Mr. Shafer and his brother retired from the clothing business in 1921 to devote their time to growing real-estate interests. In 1923 they built the 10-story Shafer Building at Sixth Avenue and Pine Street and later acquired extensive real-estate holdings.

During the First World War, Mr. Shafer was active in Liberty Loan drives and Red Cross work. After the war, he headed the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and assisted many refugees from Europe in getting a new start in this country.

## Religious School Aided

Mr. Shafer was a charter member of Temple de Hirsch and remained interested in religious activities throughout his life. He was on the building committee of a new religious school, completed last year, for Temple de Hirsch.

Mr. Shafer was a member of Bikur Cholim Synagogue, B'nai B'rith, Nile Temple of the Shrine, Century Lodge No. 208, F. & A. M., Scottish Rite bodies, Seattle Lodge No. 92, B. P. O. E., the Pioneer Association of Washington and a Building Owners & Managers Association.

Surviving are his wife, Betty; his brother, Issie; a son, Norton; and three daughters, Mrs. Archie Katz, Mrs. William Topp, and Sylvia, all of Seattle; a daughter, Mrs. William Zacks, of Vancouver, B. C., and eight grandchildren. The family home has been for many years at 907 14th Av. N.

Funeral services will be held at noon tomorrow in Bonney-Watson chapel. Entombment will be in the Hills of Eternity mausoleum.



JULIUS SHAFER