

EDWARD N. M'KINNEY, ALBANY STEEL MAN, 85

***Partner in Structural Iron Firm,
Leader in City Planning, Dies***

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ALBANY, July 12—Edward N. McKinney, partner in James McKinney & Son, Albany structural iron and steel fabricators, died today at his home in this city at the age of 85.

Born in Albany, he was a son of the late James and Julia Ann Poole McKinney. After completing his early education he entered the steel and iron industry with his father under the firm name of James McKinney & Son. The firm has been famous for its architectural castings used in construction projects throughout the country.

Mr. McKinney, who was totally blind in recent years, remained an active partner in the firm with his son, Laurence McKinney. He was senior director of the State Bank of Albany and senior trustee of the Albany Savings Bank, pioneer Albany financial institution.

He was president of the Albany Chamber of Commerce in 1901 and again in 1910, and was a leading factor in city planning, which was responsible for river front improvements twenty-five years ago, including construction of the Albany Plaza at the foot of State Street. He was an advocate of a deeper Hudson River to Albany, and aided in bringing about the establishment of the Port of Albany as a seaport. Mr. McKinney was a trustee of the Albany Memorial Hospital and the Albany Institute of History and Art.

His wife, who died in 1938, was the former Marion Louise Roessle, daughter of Theophilus E. Roessle of Washington and Albany. Surviving are another son, Roessle, of New Canaan, Conn.; a daughter, Mrs. Frederick J. Kingsbury Jr. of New Haven, Conn., and eight grandchildren.

The New York Times

Published: July 13, 1942

Copyright © The New York Times