

Eugene M. Backus

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Eugene M. Backus, 439 S. State Ave., a veteran of the Spanish American War, died in a local nursing home Thursday night. He lived in the nursing home for the past four years.

He was born in Stockton Sept. 3, 1876, the son of Ebenezer and Samantha Townsend Backus. He was the last surviving member of a family of eight children. His marriage to Margaret Johnson took place June 24, 1903. They lived in Stockton until 1933 when they moved to Freeport. He had been employed by Burgess Battery Co. until he retired in 1948. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity at Stockton. His wife died in 1957.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. A. F. (Marguerite) Carroll, Glendale, Calif; Mrs. Richard (Alice) Bartell and Mrs. Robert (Eleanor) Finley, both of Freeport; one son, Donald, Freeport; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Service will be in the Walker Mortuary at 1:30 p.m. Monday.

Interment will be made in Townsend Cemetery, near Stockton. There will be Masonic service at the grave. Friends may call at the mortuary after 5 p.m. Saturday.