

Walter Siverly Borland was born in Oil City on Feb. 1, 1878. The East Bissell Avenue resident died in Oil City on Dec. 22, 1959. He's buried in Grove Hill Cemetery.

Walter Borland, 81, Succumbs At Home

Walter S. Borland, 81, of 163 East Bissell Avenue, former president of the Borland Lumber Company, bank director and for many years treasurer and director of the Oil City Hospital, died at his residence at 4:26 p. m. Tuesday.

As a young man, Mr. Borland won wide fame as an outstanding athlete. He was star football and baseball player at Allegheny College at the turn of the century.

After graduating from Allegheny, Mr. Borland went to Louisiana State University where he served as athletic coach in all sports. He was LSU's first athletic coach.

Later Mr. Borland played sandlot baseball and was one of this area's most outstanding pitchers. He played much baseball in the Chautauqua area.

Mr. Borland was born Feb. 1, 1878, in Oil City, a son of D. T. and Mary Ann Kennedy Borland.

He was a member of the Oil City Boat Club and the Cross Creek Country Club. He served the Oil City National Bank as director.

He is survived by his widow, the former Rachel Cooper; two sons, William Borland of Atlanta, Ga., and Thomas Borland of Darien, Conn.; three daughters, Mrs. William Breim of Sayre, Mrs. Richard Hughes of Lancaster and Mrs. William Elder Jr. of Oil City.

Other survivors are a sister, Mrs. A. L. Coyne of Ellicott City, Md., 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Friends may call at the residence



W. S. BORLAND Dies Tuesday

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. today and alternate funeral services there at 4 p. m. Thursday. Rev. William Aber, pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church, will officiate.

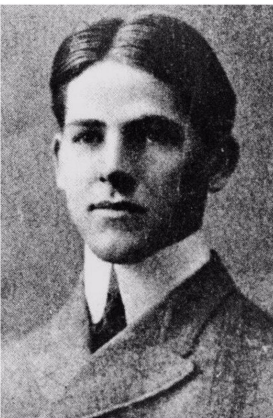
In between time he was football coach of the LSU Tigers – yes, those LSU Tigers of the Southeast Conference.

Don't know how it happened, but after graduating from Allegheny College in 1900, Borland took the job at LSU, becoming the program's sixth head coach in its then eight-year-old history. He did a pretty good job, too, posting a 15-7 record from 1901-03. Well, 1903 didn't go too well. The Tigers were 4-5, including 0-5 in conference play.

Borland also coached the LSU baseball teams in 1902 and 1903. His teams were 10-11-1.

Don't know if Borland has anything to do with Oil City High School football, considering the Oilers played their first game ever in 1896. But at Allegheny he was captain of the baseball team and sophomore class president in 1898.

Borland's son, Tom, was a starting tackle for the Oilers' 8-0-1 team in 1930. He went to Cornell. His grandson, Ken Borland, was an All-Chestmont League lineman for Downingtown, a suburban Philadelphia school that's compiling an extensive history on the Whippets..



In fact, that's who this was brought to my attention; it was posted on Twitter, so I started to look stuff up about Walter Borland – whose family name had been associated with lumber for 65 years. He and his brother, William, and another man founded the Borland Lumber Co. on Dumcomb Street in 1905.

Walter had managed the company since 1938 after his brother died after being hit by a car on Seneca Street. He sold it in 1951.