

# E. P. Cohill Dies; Was Famous As Orchardist

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In China

Hancock, Md., March 11—Edmund Pendleton Cohill, a nationally-known orchardist and agriculturalist, died at the Washington County Hospital, Hagerstown, last Friday at the age of 87 years. He was the father of the late Rev. William J. Cohill, who died as a missionary priest in China and who is buried in that country.

Mr. Cohill was stricken while on a visit to his son, Leo A. Cohill, on the latter's farm, near Clearspring.

Mr. Cohill's reputation as an orchardist was known far and wide. As a merchant he had turned his attention to the growing of apples in a big way. He was so successful that eventually he sold the 759-acre Tonoloway Orchard of 53,000 trees to the American Fruit Growers' Association for a reputed \$300,000. He sent much of the fruit of his orchard to all parts of the country and overseas.

## Was Recognized As Leader

Mr. Cohill was born in Elmira, New York, the son of Andrew Arnold and Mary Jane Maples Cohill. He spent most of his youth in Williamsport, Pa. and came to Hancock in 1876. He helped organize and afterwards served as president of the Hancock Bank; was at one time vice-president of the First National Bank of Hancock, and was director of the Baltimore Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond and the Washington County Farm Bureau.

Among the important posts he held were the presidencies of Eastern Fruit Growers' Association, the Maryland State Farm Bureau and the Maryland Horticultural Society. He was a charter member of Cumberland Council, Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by a widow, his second wife, Mrs. Emma Glover Cohill; three sons, Samuel Rinehart, Leo A. and J. Andrew Cohill, and a daughter, Mrs. John Page Casper.

The Funeral Mass of Requiem was celebrated at Saint Peter's Church, Hancock, on Monday morning by the Rev. James M. Hogan, pastor. The Rev. Dr. William E. Kelly, pastor of Saint John's Church, Westminster, was in the sanctuary.

Leading entomologists and horticulturalists of the State and many others prominent in Maryland and West Virginia were at the Mass.

Burial was in the church cemetery. The pallbearers were: M. Melvin Stewart, Maurice B. Cohill, nephew of the deceased and four of Mr. Cohill's grandsons: J. Andrew Cohill, Jr., William Leo, Roger and Philip Cohill.