

John Considine, Old-Time Show Magnate, Dies



JOHN W. CONSIDINE, SR.

John W. Considine, Sr., who owned and operated cabarets, a vaudeville circuit and the first movies in Seattle from, 1900 to 1914, died in Los Angeles last night of pneumonia. He was 80 years old.

Mr. Considine, who with his family once lived in a three-story, 20-room mansion at 18th Avenue and East Madison Street, was stricken ill Tuesday.

Born in Chicago, he came to Seattle in 1889, and went to Alaska during the Gold Rush. Later he was a powerful and colorful figure in Seattle's political and business life. He and his brother, Thomas J. Considine, with "Big Tim" Sullivan operated a circuit of 52 theatres in the Western States. The old Palace-Hip known as the Majestic, was the key house in Seattle, and Seattle was headquarters of the chain. In 1914 Considine sold to Marcus Loew for a reported \$6,000,000, and moved to Los Angeles.

John Considine, Jr., married Carmen Pantages, daughter of Alexander Pantages, who in the early days of vaudeville was his father's bitterest enemy. The son is now a motion-picture producer with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

The Rev. E. J. Flannigan, of Boys Town fame, a close friend of Considine, was at his bedside when he died.

Besides his son, Considine is survived by his widow, Elizabeth A., and two daughters, Mrs. E. W. MacLean and Mrs. Thomas R. Conlin, all of Los Angeles.