

DR. W. E. WICKENDEN OF CASE INSTITUTE

President Emeritus of School
Is Dead—Engineer, Former
Head of National Society

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PETERBORO, N. H., Sept. 1—
Dr. William Elgin Wickenden,
president emeritus of the Case In-
stitute of Technology in Cleveland,
died in a hospital here early this
morning of a heart attack suffered
at his summer home in near-
by Jaffrey, N. H., on Aug. 20. His
age was 64.

The official retirement as president
of the noted educator and engineer
took place yesterday.

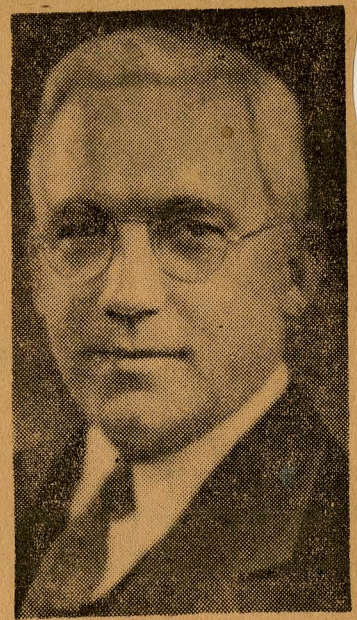
Born in Toledo, Ohio, he was the
son of Ida and Thomas Rogers
Wickenden. He spent his boyhood
there and worked as a printer's
devil to pay his expenses through
Denison University, from which he
was graduated with honors in
1904.

After teaching at Massachu-
setts Institute of Technology, Dr.
Wickenden joined the American
Telephone and Telegraph Com-
pany, becoming assistant vice
president in 1921. Two years later
he was named director of the So-
ciety for the Promotion of Engi-
neering Education. In 1929 he be-
came president of Case, known
until last July as Case School of
Applied Science.

A member of many engineering
societies and holder of eleven hon-
orary degrees, Dr. Wickenden had
served as president of the Ameri-
can Institute of Electrical Engi-
neers.

In 1941, Edward R. Stettinius,
who was then director of the Di-
vision of Priorities of the Office
of Production Management, named
Dr. Wickenden General Products
Priority Executive. Three months
later, Dr. Wickenden resigned the
post and returned to the institute
where, in an address to the alumni,
he sharply criticized President
Roosevelt's conduct of defense
production and suggested that Wen-
dell L. Willkie should be drafted
as chief coordinator of America's
defense efforts.

Dr. Wickenden leaves his wife,
Mrs. Marion Susan Lamb Wickenden;
a daughter, Mrs. Arthur
Goldschmidt of Washington, and a
son, William C. of Worcester,
Mass.



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