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Obituaries

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He grew up in New York City and worked on its lower East Side as manager of a stationery store. He received a law degree at Fordham University in 1918. He lived in Providence since 1940.

In New York, he bought a small, book manufacturing company with a dozen workers and named it the Elbe File & Binder Co. Over the next two decades, he advanced its product line and increased its volume of business many fold.

In 1940, he moved the business to a manufacturing plant in Fall River. Elbe developed into one of America's largest manufacturers of loose-leaf binders and record-keeping equipment for commercial, industrial and academic uses and was one of Fall River's major employers, at one time having more than 600 employees.

Mr. Ravenal retired in 1969.

He owned real estate in Providence and New York. He conducted courses at Hamilton House, Providence, for retired citizens on economics and investments.

He leaves two sons, Richard S. Ravenal of New York City and Earl C. Ravenal, a former official in the Defense Department, of Washington, D.C., and three grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow at 1 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue. Burial will be in Congregation Sons of Israel and David Cemetery, Reservoir Avenue.

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