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John L. Dynan Funeral Friday

"Tonopah - John L. Dynan, 63, one of the outstanding men in Tonopah's mining history; died at his home here today.

Born in Norwich, NY, Mr. Dynan spent his early life in Bethlehem, PA and was graduated from Lehigh University as a mining engineer.

He came to Nevada in 1911 and worked at the Desert Mill at Miller's for one year. In November of 1912 he began to work as a mining engineer and geologist for Tonopah Extension Mining Company. In 1916, he became mine superintendent, holding the position until 1926.

During the later period the mine had its greatest periods of productivity, with about \$4,000,000 paid in dividends.

From 1927 to 1929 Mr. Dynan was general superintendent of Tonopah Belmont's MacNeil Mine near Wickenburg, Ariz., and later returned to Tonopah to serve as superintendent of the Belmont mine until the company was liquidated in 1942. In 1943 he went to Hornitos, Calif., as a superintendent of the Mt. Gains Mining Co., a leading Mother Lode producer, which was forced to close in 1945 as the result of inflation. Mr. Dynan then returned to his Tonopah home where he has lived since.

He was married in 1917 to Carol Uhland, daughter of John Uhland, pioneer druggist who came here in 1902 and who was for many years proprietor of the Miner's Drug Store in the present location of Wolfe's Men's Shop.