Former civic leader, Mrs. Barry, dies at 90

Mrs. Alice Pierce Barry, former civic leader here, died today in Marblehead, Mass. She was 90 last Thursday.

Mrs. Barry

Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery.

She was the widow of John G. Barry, who served as first president of the College of Mines (University of Texas at El Paso) from 1931 to 1934.

Born in Boston, Mrs. Barry was a graduate of Smith College where she was Phi Beta Kappa. Following her marriage in 1920, she and her husband lived in Chile. A few months later they came to El Paso where he was chief geologist for American Smelting and Refining Co.

A FORMER TEACHER, she was twice president of American Assn. of University Women here and was active in Woman's Club of El Paso, Pan American Round Table, Woman's Auxiliary to American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers (AIME), Woman's Department of Chamber of Commerce, Auxiliary of U.T. El Paso, and El Paso County Historical Society. She served on boards of El Paso Public Library, Travelers Aid Society, McCall Day Nursery, Tuberculosis Assn., Child Guidance Clinic, School for Retarded Children and Lighthouse for the Blind.

Gov. Coke Stevenson appointed her to the Texas Centennial of Statehood Commission in 1946.

In 1967 the AIME Auxiliary made her a national honorary member. She served as book reviewer for the Popular from 1933 to 1941, was a radio commentator for KTSM and ABC from 1941 to 1951, and served as executive secretary of the Central Council of Social Agencies from 1945 to 1955. Beta Sigma Phi named her First Lady of El Paso in 1946.

MRS. BARRY moved to Grand Junction, Colo., in 1956 when her husband was with the atomic Energy Commission there. After his death in 1963 she returned to El Paso. She moved to Massachusetts in 1973.

Survivors are a sister, Mrs. Ruth Pierce Kenyon, Cambridge, Mass.; and a newphew, Pierce Burnham Kenyon, Spring Lake Heights, N.J.

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Mrs. Barry is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ruth Pierce Kenyon of Cambridge, Mass., and her nephew, Pierce Burnham Kenyon of Spring Lake Heights, N.J.