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 Institute of Technology in Cleveland, died in a hospital here early this morning of a heart attack suffered at his summer home in nearby 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 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dr. Wickenden joined the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, becoming assistant vice president in 1921. Two years later he was named director of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education. In 1929 he became president of Case, known until last July as Case School of Applied Science.

A member of many engineering societies and holder of eleven honorary degrees, Dr. Wickenden had served as president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

In 1941, Edward R. Stettinius, who was then director of the Division 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 Wendell 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.