
E. WARD WILKINS DEAD.

Manufactured Early Inventions for
Edison.

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PHILADELPHIA, March 1.—E.

Ward Wilkins, who manufactured some of the earliest inventions of Thomas A. Edison in the electrical industry, died in the Presbyterian Hospital yesterday after an operation. His age was 71.

A native of Philadelphia, he was one of the founders and at his death was president of the electrical manufacturing firm of Patrick & Wilkins. He helped erect the telephone line used at the Centennial Exposition of 1876 for the first general public demonstration of the then recently perfected invention.

Mr. Wilkins was a charter member of the Electrical Association of Philadelphia. A widow, a son and two daughters survive.

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