

Percival M. Brown

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Brown. On Tuesday, June 20, 1911 at 2:30 a.m., at his residence, 1357 Euclid street, Percival M. Brown, son of Elisabeth S. Brown and the late George H. Brown. Notice of funeral hereafter.

Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States
Commandery of the District of Columbia

City of Washington, June 21, 1911



The death of Succession Companion Percival Mordaunt Brown, in this City on the 20th instant, is announced to the Commandery. Funeral services at which the attendance of Companions are requested, will be held at his late residence, 1357 Euclid Street, N.W., on Thursday, 22d instant, at 3:30 o'clock p.m. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

By command of
Brevet Major General Cyrus Bussey
U.S. Volunteers, Commander
Thomas H. McKee
Recorder

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Percival M. Brown Succumbs to Illness Member of District Bar and Director of the Chamber of Commerce

Following an illness of several months in which no hope was held out for his recover, Percival M. Brown, a member of the District bar and a director in the Chamber of Commerce, died at his residence, 1357 Euclid street at 2:30 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Brown was forty-two years of age and unmarried. His mother, Mrs. George Brown, and two sisters, Misses Elizabeth Brown, superintendent of primary instruction in the District public schools, and Catharine Brown were at his bedside when the end came.

Two brothers, George Brown of New York city, and Orville G. Brown, a surgeon in the United States Army, and at present stationed in the Philippine Islands, were notified this morning of his death. Funeral arrangements will not be completed until the arrival of the brother from New York.

Spent Life in Capital

Coming to Washington from Illinois with his parents in 1871, when he was two years of age, Mr. Brown was educated in this city, and had spent his entire life here. Following his graduation from National University, he was admitted to the bar seventeen years ago, and had been an active and successful practitioner.

He was made a director in the Chamber of Commerce at the last election of that body, and had been chairman of the school committee of the chamber since the formation of that committee. A special meeting of the board of directors of the chamber has been called for noon tomorrow to draw up resolutions of respect.

Besides belonging to the chamber, Mr. Brown was a member of the Columbia Heights Citizens' Association, and at all times, took an active interest in matters related to the civic development of the capital. He was a member of the Bar Association and a director in the Park Savings Bank.

Operations Were in Vain

Shortly after his election to the directorate of the chamber last winter he was taken ill, but it was several months before the seriousness of his condition was realized. In an effort to regain his health several operations were resorted to, but these, without exception left him in a more weakened condition. He steadily became worse, until his physicians notified members of the family a few weeks ago that they despaired of his recovery.

Yesterday it was evident that the end was near, and, while it was thought that he might linger several days, his failure to survive the night was not unexpected.

Although funeral arrangements have not been completed, it was stated this morning that interment probably will be in Congressional cemetery. Mr. Brown's father, who died more than a year ago, is buried there.

District Courts Adjourn

Chief Justice Clabough of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia this morning adjourned. Equity Court No. 1 out of respect to the memory of Mr. Brown. Similar action was taken in the other branches of the court.

The announcement of Mr. Brown's death was made to Chief Justice Clabaugh by Alexander H. Bell, president of the Bar Association, who asked that an adjournment be taken. After paying a tribute to the character of Mr. Brown and his ability as a lawyer, the chief justice directed the adjournment.

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Many Pay Last Tribute to Percival M. Brown Representatives of Bar Association, Chamber of Commerce and Loyal Legion at Funeral

Committees representing the District Bar Association, the Chamber of Commerce and the Loyal Legion attended the funeral services this afternoon for Percival M. Brown, who was an active member in all three organizations, and whose death occurred Tuesday at the home of his mother, at 1357 Euclid street northwest.

Representing the Bar Association were Alexander H. Bell, president; Conrad H. Syme, Charles W. Clagett, A. Leftwich Sinclair, Benjamin S. Minor, Ralph P. Barnard, Chapin Brown, Charles A. Douglas, Daniel W. O'Donoghue and William Meyer Lewin.

For the Chamber of Commerce the following committee attended. William F. Gude, William T. Galliher, A. Leftwich Sinclair, Chapin Brown and D.J. Callahan.

The Loyal Legion committee was composed of L.W. Estes, C.D. Baker, J.T. Marchand and J.W. Glennan.

Prominent Men Pallbearers

The pallbearers were the following:

Honorary -- Chief Justice Harry M. Clabaugh, Justice Ashley M. Gould, Justice Daniel Thew Wright, Justice Wendell P. Stafford, Judge Charles S. Bundy, Capt. James F. Oyster, Dr. Arthur Ramsey, William H. Saunders, William T. Galliher, Lucian A. Clark, Basil B. Earnshaw, William F. Gude, Benjamin W. Guy and William B. Turpin.

Active -- W. Worthington Bowie, Ernest H. Daniel, Aubrey Clark, Walter B. Guy, Jesse L. Ergood and Vernon E. Hodges.

Following services at the house, which were conducted by Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, the body was taken to Congressional cemetery for interment. A prayer service was conducted at the grave.

Yesterday a cablegram was received from Dr. Orville G. Brown, who is stationed in the Philippine Islands, stating that he had received the message informing him of his brother's death.

Mr. Brown's other brother, George Brown, arrived yesterday from Boston. Besides his brothers he is survived by his mother, Mrs. George Brown, and two sisters, Miss Elizabeth Brown, director of primary instruction in the District public schools, and Miss Catherine Brown.

Resolutions of Sorrow

Eulogistic remarks on the life and character of the deceased were made at the meetings of the various organizations yesterday, which appointed committees to represent them at the funeral.

A. Leftwich Sinclair, who presented resolutions of sorrow that were adopted by the Chapter of Commerce, said the following:

"Mr. Brown was an active member of the Chamber of Commerce from the time of its organization, and I regarded him as one of its strongest members. He was elected a director of the chamber at the election held in January last, receiving 414 votes next to the highest number of ballots cast for a director or an officer. I know Mr. Brown well. He was one of my most intimate friends. This is not the time for eulogy, but I am constrained to say that, in his death, the District of Columbia has lost one who was a good citizen, a good lawyer, a good friend and, above all, a good man.