

Anthony Buchly

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The Evening Star, May 21, 1881

Mr. Anthony Buchly, the well-known undertaker, is confined to his residence, on Pennsylvania, between 9th and 10th streets, being quite sick with gastric fever.

The Evening Star, July 13, 1881

Mr. Anthony Buchly, the well-known undertaker who has been quite sick for several weeks with a low typhoid fever is now rapidly convalescing.

The Evening Star, July 22, 1881

Death of a Well-Known Business Man

Mr. Anthony Buchly, the well-known undertaker, 912 Pennsylvania avenue, died this morning about half-past ten o'clock. Mr. Buchly has been sick since the 10th of May last, having overheated himself on that day in attending a funeral, since which time he has been growing worse and sometimes better, his illness having assumed the form of a low typhoid fever. His physician, Dr. J.E. Morgan, until recently, has been much encouraged from his condition, and all his friends were led to believe that he would recover. Last Monday he partook of some fruit, which disagreed with him, since which time he has been growing weaker up to the time of his death.

Mr. Buchly was a man of sterling integrity of character, and although of a rather brusque turn had a tender and charitable heart, and was generally respected in this community. He was in the 68th year of his age, and a native of this city, having been born on the same ground where he died. He was past master of Federal Lodge, No. 1, of Masons, and past high priest of Eureka R.A. Chapter, No. 4, and past grand treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Masons, and an active and honored member of all the Masonic bodies of which he was a member. He was also connected with the Odd Fellows, being past grand master of the Grand Lodge of this District, and continued his membership in the order to the time of his death in Columbia Lodge and Columbia Encampment, and the Mutual Relief association. He was also a member of Friendship Lodge, No. 8, Knights of Pythias. Mr. Buchly's wife died about 18 years ago. The only child is Mr. William S. Buchly, who has for many years been connected with his father in business. The funeral will probably take place Monday next, of which further notice will be given in the papers.

The Evening Star, July 23, 1881

Locals

The funeral of the late Anthony Buchly (whose death was mentioned in The Star last evening) will take place from his late residence, Pennsylvania avenue, between 9th and 10th streets northwest, tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. It will be attended by the various bodies of Masons and Odd Fellows to which deceased belonged. Mr. Buchly was in the 58th year of his age, not the 68th year as erroneously printed.

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Funeral of Anthony Buchly

The family of the late Anthony Buchly have placed the entire charge of the funeral in the hands of the Odd Fellows, and the Masons will not participate in the ceremonies as an order. The funeral will take place from his late residence on Pennsylvania avenue, tomorrow (Sunday) at 4 p.m., and he will be buried at the Congressional Cemetery. The funeral cortege will consist of the Grand Encampment I.O.O.F., of District of Columbia, Dr. John Edwin Mason Grand Patriarch; the Grand Lodge of D.C., Solomon E. France Grand Master; Columbian Encampment I.O.O.F., Edward F. O'Brien acting Chief Patriarch; and Columbia Lodge, No. 10, C.W. Shiles Noble Grand. These organizations will be escorted by the Uniformed Battalion of Patriarchs, John T. Chauncey commander. It is understood that the Washington Light Infantry and National Rifles, of which Mr. Buchly was an honorary member, will participate in the funeral procession. The burial rites of the Odd Fellows will be performed at the grave. All organizations to which he belonged will assemble tonight at Odd Fellows Hall, 7th street northwest, or send committees to represent their organization, where all arrangements will be made for the funeral. Mr. Buchly was 58 years old at the time of his death, not 68 years as erroneously published.

Col. Moore this afternoon ordered the Washington Light Infantry corps to assemble at their armory at 2:45 o'clock p.m. in full dress uniform, to attend the funeral of their late honorary member, Mr. Anthony Buchly. They will be headed by the 2d U.S. artillery band.

The Evening Star, July 28, 1881

The Will of Anthony Buchly

More About the Bequests--Two Codicils

The will and two codicils of the late Anthony Buchly were filed yesterday with the Register of Wills for probate, as mentioned in the Star of last evening, and its provisions briefly noted. The paper is dated August 24, 1877. To his sister, Anna Maria Buchly, during her natural life, is left all real and personal estate, with full power to sell or transfer the same in any manner that she may deem best. To William S. Buchly, the son, is left \$500, to be paid by the executors within ten days after the death of the decedent. The executors are directed to convert all personal property and effects in government or other bonds and deposit them in the Safe Deposit Company for the use and benefit of Anna Maria Buchly. Upon the death of the latter the remainder of the real estate and personal property is to be disposed of as follows: The real estate in squares 116 and 381 is to be sold to the best advantage within one year after her death and out of the proceeds \$5,000 is to be invested and the interest to be paid to Wm. S. Buchly during his natural life. If he does not accept the bequests, and attempts to set aside the will, the bequests to him are to be revoked. Upon the decease of Wm. S. Buchly, the remainder of the bequest to go to William Pierce Bell, William H. Goods and Joseph Hamacher, as trustees, to the extent of \$5,000 to be invested and known as the Buchly Charity Fund of Federal Lodge F.A.A.M., the interest to be expended for the benefit of the widows of late members of Federal Lodge who were in good standing at the time of their death and for two years preceding. The trustees are to report to the lodge and be subject to its directions. In case the lodge ceases to exist, then the trustees are to hold this fund in trust for the benefit of the same persons and to make annual reports to the Grand Lodge, the same right of inspection being given to it as was conferred on Federal Lodge. If the limitations become exhausted in the course of time then to Samuel C. Mills, William R. McLean and Thomas K. Gray, as trustees, and their successors, is bequeathed in trust \$5,000 to be invested and known as the Buchly Charity Fund of Columbia Lodge, No. 10, I.O.O.F., and the interest to be expended for the benefit of the widows and orphans of deceased members of this lodge, who were members in good standing at the time of death, and for two years preceding. They must render an account annually to the lodge of the money distributed by them. If Columbia lodge ceases to exist, then the trustees must make their report to the Grand Lodge. Upon the death of these three trustees, \$5,000 s bequeathed to Wm. P. Bell, W.H. Goods and Jos. Hamacher to be invested and added to the Buchly Charity Fund of Federal Lodge. The amount

that may be due from the Masonic Relief association (some \$1,000) is bequeathed through these trustees in trust for St. John's Mite Society. If the association ceases to exist, then this fund is to be added to the Buchly Charity Fund of Federal Lodge. The amount due from the Odd Fellows' Mutual Relief association, sick benefits, etc. is to be placed in the hands of Samuel C. Mills, William R. McLean and Thomas K. Gray, and to be added to the Buchly Charity Fund of Columbia Lodge. To the same trustees, upon the termination of the life estate of Anna Maria Buchly, is transferred the real estate in squares 380 and 457, the rents and profits to form a fund, which at the expiration of ten years, shall become the Buchly Charity Fund of Columbia Lodge. In case of the demise of either sister or son, or the bequests made are not accepted within a reasonable time, a bequest is made to the Washington City Orphan Asylum of any of the sums of money so declined, and to be called the Buchly Charity Fund for orphans. This fund is to be placed in the hands of parties selected from the First Presbyterian church, Fourth Presbyterian church, New York avenue Presbyterian church, the Assembly church, First and Fifth Baptist churches, and the Memorial church. In addition to this bequest a further amount of \$5,000 is given to the Washington City Orphan Asylum. Anna Maria Buchly, Isaac L. Johnson and William Pierce Bell are appointed the executors, and in case any decline to act R. Ross Perry, Samuel C. Mills and John F. Given are named as substitutes. The witnesses to the will were H.W. Garrett, W.C. Brock and L.M. Graves.

On May 24, 1878, a codicil was made to the will, which provides that at the death of the sister the executors shall invest \$5,000 for the benefit of St. John's Mite Society. After the expiration of the time for the trustees of the Columbia Lodge of Odd Fellows; fund to draw revenues from the property in squares 380 and 457, the property is to be sold by the executors and the money used as they may deem best; but they are to invest \$5,000 and so much as may have previously been bequeathed to the son and the interest on an additional \$5,000 for his interest. In case of his death the fund is to go to the Buchly Charity Fund of Federal Lodge and Columbia Lodge of Odd Fellows. The second codicil was drawn March 8, 1880, and gives to the son during his lifetime, to personally manage or control all interest in the business, stock, fixtures, etc., at No. 912 Pennsylvania Avenue.

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The Buchly Obsequies

Large Attendance at the Funeral—An Escort of Military and Odd Fellows

The extraordinarily large attendance at the funeral of the late Anthony Buchly yesterday afternoon attested the esteem in which he was held by the citizens generally. During the day there were many callers at the residence of Mr. Buchly, who took a farewell look at the familiar face. The remains were encased in a walnut, cloth-covered casket, with satin lining, and it was finished with silver extension handles with plate inscribed "Anthony Buchly, died July 22d, 1881, in the 59th year of his age." There were a number of floral ornaments—a garland from the National Rifles, a pillow with the letters W.L.I.C., with white dove bearing the letter A in its beak, from the Light Infantry, a broken column from No. 2 Engine Co., and a garland with the words "from an old friend" (understood to be from Mr. Joseph Gawler.)

The services took place at the residence at 4 o'clock, and were conducted by Rev. Byron Sunderland of the 1st Presbyterian church, who paid a handsome tribute to the worth of the deceased, and was followed by Rev. Mr. McLain in a few remarks and prayer.

The escort was formed in the following order: Second United States artillery band, Washington Light Infantry corps, Col. W.G. Moore commanding, full dress uniform Marine band, National Rifles, Col. J.O.P. Burnside commanding, fatigue uniform; Uniformed Battalion of Patriarchs, John T. Chauncy commander; Columbian Encampment, E.F. O'Brien, acting C.P.; Grand Encampment, John Edwin Mason, G.P.; Grand Lodge, Solomon E. Faunce, G.M.

The following were the pall-bearers:--Honorary—William W. Moore, P.G.S., for the board of trustees of Odd Fellows' Hall; Harrison Burr, Past Grand, Grand Lodge; T.K. Gray, Past Grand, Columbia Lodge, No. 10; John T. Given, Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, Grand Encampment; Rev. P. Hall Sweet, Columbian Encampment, No. 1; J.F. Whitmore, Uniformed Battalion Patriarchs; Samuel Kirby and Charles F. Jarvis, on the part of the citizens.

Active—W.G. Philips, Past Grand for the board of trustees for the hall; J.W. Colley, Past Grand for the Grand Lodge; Henry Trine, Past Grand, Columbia Lodge, No. 10; Samuel E. Douglas, Past Chief Patriarch, for the Grand Encampment; B.F. Gettinger and Thomas Greer, for the Uniformed Battalion of Patriarchs; J.J. Burroughs and Michael R. Combs, on the part of the citizens.

The remains were followed by a long line of carriages, containing relatives and friends of the deceased, to the Congressional cemetery, where the interment took place with the burial services of the Odd Fellows. Mr. Joseph Gawler and a committee of undertakers had charge of the funeral arrangements.

The Fourth Presbyterian church session met yesterday, Rev. Mr. McLain in the chair, and Dr. Daniel McFarlan acting as clerk. The following was adopted: "Having learned with profound regret of the death of Mr. Anthony Buchly, a constant friend of the church, who in early life was engaged in many of its activities, and has ever since manifested the warmest interest in its welfare, and who in his business relations has been so tenderly identified with its people. Be it resolved as a mark of respect that the session attend his funeral this Sabbath afternoon in a body, and that this action be communicated to the family of the deceased with the assurance of our deep sympathy.

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Mr. Buchly's Estate and Will

Mr. Anthony Buchly, the deceased undertaker, leaves an estate worth probably \$150,000, and made a will which it is understood is locked up in his safe, the combination of which was known only to himself will make it necessary to open it by force. The contents of the will are not definitely known, but it is understood that among the bequests are \$10,000 each to Federal Lodge, No. 1, of Masons, (charity fund) and to the Odd Fellows. The amount due him as a member of the Masonic relief association, he gives to St. John's Mite Society; and his business he leaves to his son, with bequests of \$10,000 to be paid to him at certain periods. His sister, W. Pierce Bell and L.L. Johnson are the executors.

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(p. 178) The Lodge (Federal) is fortunate in having become the beneficiary, in 1899, of the sum of \$20,000 by the will of Anthony Buchly, a former member, which bequest is used exclusively as a charity fund.

(p. 258-259) St. John's Mite Association

This Association was organized in 1872, and has enjoyed an uninterrupted career of usefulness to the present day. It is composed of one delegate from each of the subordinate lodges, and was formed for the purpose of rendering relief to Master Masons of the jurisdiction, their wives, widows, and children, and primarily to relieve the lodges of a share of the burdens they encountered. The revenue until 1898 was limited and uncertain, being mainly derived from voluntary contributions from the several lodges, but in that year it came into possession of a fund of about \$15,500, a generous bequest of the late Bro. Anthony Buchly, a member at the time of his death of Federal Lodge, No. 1, of this jurisdiction, and for several years Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, the possession of which fund has enabled it to most satisfactorily widen its field of usefulness.