

Emil Dumas **(- 1 Dec 1910)**

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Died At Hospital

Canadian En Route to Florida Was Stricken on the Street

Emil Dumas, seventy years old, who became ill while in front of No. 6 engine company's quarters, Massachusetts avenue between 4th and 5th streets October 16, died at the Emergency Hospital this morning about 6 o'clock. The deceased was from Lazara, Manitoba, and was on his way back to Florida when he was stricken.

Mr. Dumas had about \$50 in his possession and he has been treated in a private ward at the hospital. Mrs. D. Chartiers, his sister, has wired from Lazara several times to inquire about his condition. Today she was notified of his death. The body will probably be sent to Lazara for interment.

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Body of Emil Dumais is Consigned to Earth

Conveyed to Grave in Congressional Cemetery With But Few Friends Present

Attended only by one or two friends and the employees of an undertaking establishment, the body of Emil Dumais, linguist, man of talent and soldier of fortune was conveyed to Congressional cemetery this afternoon and buried, following a brief religious ceremony.

It was learned today that the man who refused to divulge his identity to physicians at the Casualty Hospital until a few minutes before his death, Thursday, had been employed as a translator at the laboratory of M.A. Winter, U street northwest between 14th and 15th streets, for the last three years. He had resided in this city for more than four years. According to Chales C. Moore of the Department of Agriculture Dumais had always been secretive.

Was Friendless and Penniless

Mr. Moore first met him about three years ago, through W. Ross Edelen, a draughtsman. At that time Dumais was penniless and slept in the parks. Mr. Moore took an interest in the aged scholar, provided him with money and clothing and procured him a position as translator in the Winter laboratory in September, 1907.

Dumais was picked up in an exhausted condition in front of the quarters of No. 6 engine company about five weeks ago. He had \$500 in his pockets. It appears he maintained the same frugality after obtaining employment as he had before and spent his spare time perfecting several inventions. He had worked for many years on a device to teach writing to the blind.

Points in His Career

Mr. Moore said this morning that Dumais had never told him that he had been a war correspondent for the London Times, as stated by physicians at the hospital. Friends of the deceased man also deny the story that he had just arrived in this country from England and was on his way to Florida

Years ago Dumais who was a native Frenchman, went to Canada and founded the first agricultural college in Ontario. He married in Canada and his widow and several sons still reside there. Disagreement with a brother over financial matters caused an estrangement about twenty years ago and Dumais left the Dominion and it is said had never returned to his family.

He traveled extensively in foreign countries and could speak five languages