

Francis O. French

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Francis O. French Dead

He Was President of the Manhattan Trust Company of New York

Francis Ormond French, president of the Manhattan Trust Company of New York, died yesterday afternoon at his cottage at Tuxedo. Mr. French was born at Chester, N.H., September 12, 1837. His father was Benjamin Brown French, who was clerk of the United States House of Representatives in 1845-47 and commissioner of public buildings under Lincoln.

Mr. French graduated from Harvard in 1857 and was admitted to the bar in 1860. In September, 1862, he was appointed deputy naval officer of customs at Boston and in 1863 was appointed deputy collector of the same port. He resigned in 1865 to enter the banking firm of Samuel A. Way of Boston.

In October, 1870, he went to New York to enter the firm of Jay Cooke & Co. After the Cooke failure Mr. French represented the London firms of McCullough & Co. and Melville Evans & Co. in New York.

In 1874 he, with others, secured control of the First National Bank and engineered the funding operations of United States loans. In 1880 he retired from business, but in 1888 accepted the presidency of the Manhattan Trust Company.

Death was due to heart failure. The funeral will be held tomorrow. The interment will be in this city.