

Col. Thomas Anthony Gary

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Plans For Funeral

Remains of Col. Thomas A. Gary to Be Interred Tomorrow

Services over the remains of Col. Thomas A. Gary will be held at the family residence, 2110 18th street, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Rev. George Fiske Dudley, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, will officiate. Interment will be in Congressional cemetery with Masonic ceremonies.

Col. Gary died yesterday in Garfield Hospital, following an illness of about a week. He was a native of Virginia, and was seventy-four years of age. At the outbreak of the civil war he pledged himself to the Confederate cause. During the struggle between the north and south he was in charge of supplies for the army of the Confederacy, attaining the rank of colonel.

At the conclusion of the war Col. Gary established the firm of Gary & Oliphant, cotton brokers, at Galveston. The business was a success, the firm sometimes handling more than \$3,000,000 a year. In 1876 Col. Gary was elected president of the Galveston Cotton Exchange. In 1894 he came to Washington. He retired from business in 1897.

Col. Gary was a descendant of the Dibrells and the Lees of Virginia. His wife, one son, Rodney, and three daughters, Mrs. E.A. Gathemann of Bethlehem, Pa., and Miss Wilmuth and Miss Neosho Gary, survive him.

The Evening Star, Friday, May 1, 1908, p. 14

Col. Gary's Funeral

Interment This Afternoon in Congressional Cemetery

The funeral of Col. Thomas A. Gary, who died Wednesday last, was held from his family residence, 2110 18th street northwest at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Rev. George Fiske Dudley, rector of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church, conducted the services. The interment was in Congressional cemetery, the service at the grave being conducted by New Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, F.A.A.M., of this city, acting for Harmony Lodge, No. 6, of Galveston, Tex., with which Col. Gary was affiliated.

Col. Gary was born in Fairfax county, Va., a few miles distant from this city, but, as heretofore stated in The Star, he was taken by his parents when he was a small child to Talledega county, Alabama where he spent his boyhood. From Alabama he moved to Planterville, Grimes county, Tex., and engaged in mercantile pursuits. At the outbreak of the civil war he entered the service of the confederacy and was appointed one of the supervising agents of the Confederate government, and was of much service in impressing supplies for the southern army.

Following the war Col. Gary entered the cotton brokerage business in Galveston, and was at one time president of the Galveston cotton exchange.

He was appointed postmaster at Galveston by President Cleveland and was continued in office by Gen. Harrison.

Col. Gary came to this city from Texas in 1894, and has since resided here. He has a host of friends in this city and throughout the country, and his death will be sincerely regretted.

Col. Gary was related to some of the most prominent families of the south, being a descendant of the Dibrells and the Lees of Virginia. His wife, his son Rodney, and three daughters, Mrs. E.A. Gathemann of Pennsylvania and the Misses Wilmuth and Neosho, survive him.

The Washington Post, May 2, 1908, p. 11

Funeral of Col. Gary

Services Held for the Former Confederate Government Official

The funeral of Col. Thomas A. Gary, who was in charge of the supplies for the army of the Confederacy during the civil war, and who was a resident of Washington for sixteen years, was held from his home, 2110 Eighteenth street northwest, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Col. Gary died at Garfield Hospital Wednesday after an illness of a week. Rev. George Fiske Dudley, rector of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church, officiated. Interment was in Congressional Cemetery. Services at the grave were conducted by New Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, F.A.A.M., of this city, acting for Harmony Lodge, No 6, of Galveston, Tex., of which Col. Gary was a member.

Col. Gary was born in Fairfax County, Va. He was taken by his parents when a small child to Talledega County, Ala., where he spent his boyhood. From Alabama he moved to Planterville, Grimes County, Tex., and engaged in mercantile business.

Following the civil war he entered the cotton brokerage business in Galveston, and was at one time president of the Galveston Cotton Exchange. He was appointed postmaster at Galveston by President Cleveland, and was continued in office by President Harrison. Col. Gary came to Washington from Texas in 1894. He was related to some of the most prominent families of the South, being a descendant of the Dibbrells and the Lees, of Virginia. He is survived by his wife, his son Rodney, and three daughters, Mrs. E.A. Gathemann, of Pennsylvania, and Misses Wilmuth and Neasho Gary.