

William Gunton (- 15 Dec 180)

Gunton. At his residence on Wednesday evening, 15th December 1880 at half past 6 o'clock, Dr. William Gunton in the 90th year of his age. The funeral service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 4 1/2 street on Sabbath morning at half past 11 o'clock and will take the place of the usual Sabbath morning service. The friends of the family are cordially invited to be present.

The Evening Star, December 16, 1880

Death of an Old and Esteemed Citizen

The venerable Dr. William Gunton, president of the Bank of Washington, died at his residence, 9th and K streets northwest, at 6:30 o'clock yesterday evening. He was born in England, October, 1791, and came to this country in 1807, settling in Georgetown. He subsequently removed to Frederick, Md., where he accumulated about \$20,000 in the drug business. He married in 1816 and in 1820 sold out his store in Frederick and purchased the property at the corner of 9th street and Pennsylvania avenue, in this city, to which he added the adjoining house. Here he carried on the drug business, and his family lived over the store. He was elected a director of the Patriotic Bank and served till 1828. The old Bank of Washington in the year 1834 was obliged to suspend and Dr. Gunton was applied to become a member of the board of directors. He accepted and was chosen president pro tempore. At this time the bank owed \$80,000 four months after he entered it the bank resumed operations, and in one year all its liabilities had been paid. In 1835 he was chosen president of the bank, which position he held up to the time of his death. He was president of the Eastern Branch Co. and Navy Yard Bridge Co. was for eight years a director of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Co. for twelve years was foreman of the grand jury of this District for fourteen years was a member of the Washington city government since 1847 has been a director of the Columbian University, and recently vice president of the board since 1846 has been a director of the American Colonization Society, and since 1836 president of the Columbia Turnpike Co. For sixteen years he was a member and for seven years president of the board of trustees of the National Hospital for the Insane. He was also president of the Baltimore and Washington Navigation Co. More recently he became a director of the Washington and Georgetown Railroad Co. He was vice president of the Oldest Inhabitants' Association. In 1841 he was elected chairman of the temporal committee of the First Presbyterian church, and has been annually elected ever since. For many years he was president of the Washington, Alexandria and Georgetown Steam Packet Co. He was president of the Perseverance Fire Co., and the first president of the Firemen's Insurance Co. To Dr. Gunton were born four children the eldest being the wife of Mr. Edward Temple, well known in this city. The funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 4 1/2 street, Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock.

The Evening Star, December 31, 1881

Locals

Mr. Edward Temple has been elected president of the Bank of Washington in place of Dr. William Gunton deceased.

The Evening Star, December 24, 1881

Locals

The deeds to the real estate of the late Dr. Wm. Gunton to his heirs were placed on file in the Recorder of Deeds office yesterday. The estate is divided among Mary J. Temple, Mary J. Wilcox, Julia Dana, Thos. G. Buddington, Mary M. Carter and Elizabeth Wilson. Each receives a handsome property in fee simple.

The Evening Star, February 3, 1880

Locals

Dr. Wm. Gunton who owns the lot on the south side of Louisiana avenue, opposite 5th street, occupied for many years by J.G. Naylor's carpenter shop, is having the old building torn down, and proposes to build on the site a handsome two storied brick building, with a highly ornamental front, containing 12 or 15 offices for lawyers.

The Evening Star, January 28, 1874

Dr. William Gunton, president of the Bank of Washington is very ill at his residence, corner Pennsylvania ave. and 9th street and Pennsylvania avenue, in this city, to which he added the adjoining house. Here he carried on the drug business, and his family lived over the store. He was elected a director of the Patriotic Bank.

The Evening Star, December 22, 1880

Locals

Dr. Wm. Gunton's will has been opened. His personal estate is believed to be worth about \$250,000, and his real estate about \$500,000. The entire property is divided among the heirs, Mrs. Temple getting the greatest allowance, including the handsome and valuable farm in Maryland. His three sons-in-law, Messrs. Temple, Buddington and Wilcox, have been selected as executors.