

John Drew Kibbey **(- 12 Mar 1835)**

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John Drew Kibbey to Have Masonic Funeral Saturday. Deceased businessman was early resident of the county.

John Drew Kibbey, a resident of Koochiching County since 1907, and of International Falls for the past quarter of a century, passed away at his home here Thursday evening, March 12.

Mr. Kibbey is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. F. T. Evans, Washington, D.C. and by two grandchildren. A son, Egerton Wales Kibbey died April 6, 1935.

Funeral services will be held at Holy Trinity Episcopal church in this city, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, under the auspices of the local Masonic lodge. They body will lie in state at the Masonic temple on Sunday from 10 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Interment will be made in Forest Hill cemetery.

His daughter, Mrs. Evans, and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. E. W. Kibbey, are expected to arrive here Sunday morning for the funeral services.

Born in Washington.

In the passing of Mr. Kibbey, International Falls lost a good citizen no less than a colorful figure. Born in Washington, D.C., January 3, 1858, he resided there during his childhood. He was educated in the schools of Boston, MA, and was united in marriage to Clara Egerton, November 29, 1885. In 1892 Mr. and Mrs. Kibbey came west and settled at Marshalltown, IA, where Mr. Kibbey had a brother practicing medicine.

Mrs. Kibbey's health began to fail after some years residence in Iowa and she was advised to remove to the pine forests of Minnesota. Accordingly they came north in 1907 and took a homestead at Mizpah, where they made their home until 1912, in which year they came to this city where they have resided ever since.

Traveled in Europe

Mr. Kibbey was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the loyal Order of Moose. Before coming to Minnesota he traveled extensively, both in this country and in Europe. His son, Egerton, was educated in the schools of the old country.

During the years of his residence in this city, he was ever and always a public-spirited and progressive citizen, a good neighbor and a kind, thoughtful and generous friend. He was a lover of little children and his many acts of kindness, to children and adults alike, will long be remembered by Int'l Falls people.

Outstanding Citizen

Mr. Kibbey had lived a full life, upholding all the best in the traditions of American citizenship and his passing will be mourned by every man, woman and child who had the pleasure of his acquaintanceship.

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John Drew Kibbey Rites Held Sunday Masonic and Moose lodges attend services.

Funeral services for John Drew Kibbey, beloved Int'l Falls resident for the past quarter century, were held yesterday afternoon from Holy Trinity Church with interment in Forest Hill cemetery. During the morning the body lay in state in Masonic hall until 2 o'clock, when it was removed to Holy Trinity church where brief services were held. Members of the Masonic and Moose lodges, with which Mr. Kibbey was associated attended the services.

Rev. T. J. E. Wilson and the Masonic lodge were in charge of services at the grave. Paul Kinports, H. J. Miner, George Millard, Paul Laurence, Edgar Zimmerman, of Int'l Falls, and Colin Russel of Fort Frances served as pallbearers. Mr. Kibbey is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. F. T. Evans of Washington, DC, two grandchildren, and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. E. W. Kibbey of Minneapolis.