

## Samuel Burleigh Milton

(30 Jun 1864 - 21 Oct 1930)

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**Milton, Maj. Samuel Burleigh.** Suddenly, on Tuesday, October 21, 1930, at Chesapeake Beach, Md., Maj. Samuel Burleigh Milton, beloved husband of Inez Seymour Milton, son of the late George L. and Ophelia Baggett Milton, aged 70 years. Funeral from his late residence, 3545 16th st. n.w., Friday, October 24, at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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### **Major S.B. Milton Dies Suddenly**

#### **Overcome by Paralytic Stroke at Chesapeake Bay Summer Home**

Maj. Samuel Burleigh Milton of the editorial staff of The Evening Star, died suddenly yesterday afternoon of a paralytic stroke at his summer home on the Chesapeake Bay in Calvert County, Md. He was 66 years old.

Although Maj Milton had been in poor health for some time, his death was unexpected. He left his office in The Star Monday evening and went to his home on the bay.

His wife, Mrs. Inez Seymour Milton was alone with him when he was stricken. She immediately communicated with Maj. Milton's stepson, Seymour McConnell. The stepson, with Dr. Millard Thompson, the family physician and an old friend drove to the home, arriving about an hour before his death at 2 o'clock.

#### *Body Brought to Washington*

The body has been brought to Washington and is resting at the funeral parlors of J. William Lee's Sons, 332 Pennsylvania avenue. Funeral arrangements were being made today.

He is survived by his wife, Mr. McConnell and one nephew, Ormund Milton of New York City.

Maj. Milton had a long and varied career in newspaper work.

After attending public and private schools in this city he entered the service of The Star in 1876, serving in the mechanical, business and news departments.

In 1883 he went to the Dakota Territory and entered the publishing business, establishing the Redfield Observer in Redfield, S. Dak., in 1888, the year South Dakota was admitted to statehood. He later purchased the Redfield Journal and merged the two papers. He published the merged paper until 1905, when he moved to Mason City, Iowa, and established the Mason City Star. Later he moved to Minneapolis and became associated with the Minneapolis Journal and the Northwest Farmer.

Maj. Milton took an active part in the civic and military life of South Dakota, serving as an active member on the Republican State Central Committee. He also helped organize the territorial and State militia and served with the rank of colonel on the staffs of the first two Governors of the State.

#### *Was Representative's Secretary*

He was private secretary for Representative Gifford during South Dakota's territorial period and served in a like capacity with Representative Lucas after the territory had been admitted to Statehood. Later he returned to The Star. Maj. Milton also was a member of the Inaugural Committee for President Harrison, Roosevelt and McKinley.

He took an active part in the work of the South Dakota State Guards and was later appointed to the Organized Reserve Corps, U.S.A., with the rank of major.

A member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Maj. Milton was one of a small group of men who financed and built the first Episcopal Church in Redfield.

Maj. Milton was born in Washington on June 30, 1864 a son of George Lafayette and Ophelia S. (Baggett) Milton.

#### *Prominent in Club Work*

On October 4, 1892, he was married to Pearl Irma Eldredge. Following the death of his first wife he married Mrs. Inez Seymour McConnell on June 5, 1909.

He was a member of the International Society of Arts and Letters, the Maryland State Society, the South Dakota Society, Scottish Rite (32d degree), Knight Templars, Eastern Star Elks, the Southern Society and the Columbia Heights Citizens' Association. He was active some years ago in amateur theatrical and Shakespearian circles.

Maj. Milton lived here at 3545 Sixteenth Street.

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#### **Maj. Milton Rites Set For Tomorrow**

##### **Masonic Burial Will Be Held for Member of The Star Staff**

Funeral services, attended by Masonic rituals, for Maj. Samuel Burleigh Milton, 66 years old, member of the editorial staff of The Evening Star, who died Tuesday at his Summer home in Calvert County, Md., will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at his late residence, 3545 Sixteenth street.

A church funeral service, conducted by Rev. George Fiske Dudley, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, will be followed by the Rose Croix service of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry. Interment will be at Congressional Cemetery.

Maj. Milton, a native of Washington, first entered the employ of The Evening Star in 1876. He left Washington later and for more than 20 years was connected with the newspaper business in South Dakota.

Returning to The Star, he retained his political interests, serving as a member of the Inaugural Committees for Presidents Harrison Roosevelt and McKinley.

Among his more important civic and fraternal affiliations here were membership in the International Society of Arts and Letters, Scottish Rite, Thirty-second degree; Knights Templar, Eastern Star, the Southern Society and the Columbia Heights Citizens' Association.

Maj. Milton is survived by his widow, Mrs. Inez Seymour Milton. His first wife, Mrs. Pearl Eldredge Milton, died more than 20 years ago.

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#### **Services Are Held For Maj. S.B. Milton**

##### **Rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Officiates--Masons Conduct Rose Croix Rites**

Impressive funeral services for Maj. Samuel Burleigh Milton, 70 years old, member of the editorial staff of The Evening Star, who died at his summer home at Chesapeake Beach, Md., Tuesday, were conducted at his residence, 3545 Sixteenth street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Church services were conducted by Rev. Dr. George Fiske Dudley, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, and the Rose Croix service of Scottish Rite Masons was conducted by the latter. Interment was in Congressional Cemetery.

Pall bearers were Jesse E. Potbury, Ellwood P. Morey, Lem. Towers, Col. C. Fred Cook, Judge Arthur B. Haynes, Dr. Millard F. Thompson, Henry G. Hanford and Capt. Charles H. Franklin.