

Joseph Gales Moore

(29 Jul 1850 – 6 Sep 1933)

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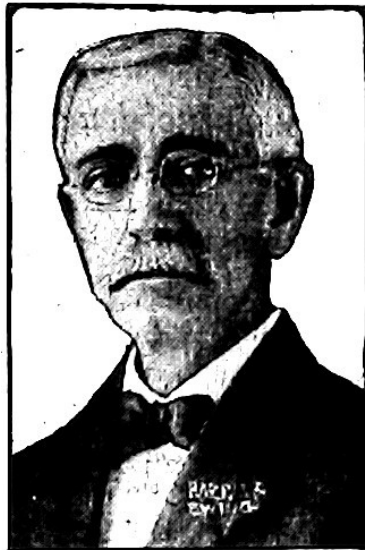
The will of the late George A. Morrison which was filed yesterday, leaves all his property to his mother and appoints as executor, J. Gales Moore, who filed his renunciation.

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Marks Fiftieth Anniversary of His Connection With Bank

**Joseph Gales Moore Entered Employ of the National Metropolitan as a Messenger --
Was Born in This City in 1850**

Rites Saturday



J. GALES MOORE.

Joseph Gales Moore, auditor of the National Metropolitan Bank, will observe the fiftieth anniversary of his connection with that institution today. He entered the employ of the bank July 22, 1867, doing messenger and general work for a year or two, which included giving assistance to the paying teller.

He was born in this city July 29, 1850, and obtained his education here, attending the Rittenhouse Academy, from which he graduated June 30, 1867.

After a few years' service in the bank he was made general bookkeeper, in which capacity he served about twenty-five years. During this period he was frequently called upon to perform duties in every other department of the institution. He was appointed assistant cashier May 22, 1895, and made cashier December 5, 1900, succeeding George B. White, who had held that position from January 13, 1875, to the time of his death, February 24, 1899.

Appointed Auditor in 1909

He was appointed to the position he now holds, auditor, January 13, 1909. Although not a director, Mr. Moore was given the position of secretary to the board of directors, which he held for about eighteen years. As far as Mr. Moore knows, not a director, officer or employe who was connected with the bank at the time he entered its employ is now living.

In 1867 all checks were collected by messengers, the clearing house not having been organized until April, 1887, and the listing was done by hand and additions by brain work, as there were no typewriters or adding machines.

John B. Blake was president and Moses Kelly cashier. The bank, which was the successor to the Bank of the Metropolis, entered the National Banking Association in the spring of 1865.

The bank never passed a dividend, although one of the periods in 1874 was delayed a short time, owing to the disastrous panic of 1873, when many large institutions closed their doors.

Officers of the Bank

On the first Monday in July, 1867, the capital was \$350,000, deposits, \$675,000, and total assets, \$1,250,000.

At the present time the capital is \$800,000 deposits over \$6,000,000 and total assets, \$9,000,000.

The present officers are: George W. White, president, O.H.P. Johnson, vice president; C.F. Jacobsen, cashier; J. Gales Moore, auditor, and Charles E. Bright, Albert H. Bedford, C. Louis Eckloff and Robert D. Hagner, assistant cashiers.

Mr. Moore's father was prominent in the early history of Washington. He served for more than twenty years as a member of the city council and board of aldermen for a long period, holding the position of president of the latter body. He was connected for about thirty years with the National Intelligencer, a newspaper before and during the civil war. After the discontinuance of the publication of the paper the elder Mr. Moore became secretary and treasurer of the Metropolitan Railway Company, which offices he held for many years and up until the time of his death, in 1886.

Moore. On Wednesday, September 6, 1933, at his residence, 2940 Upton street n.w. at 10:25 a.m., Joseph Gales Moore, husband of the late Kate Pritchard Moore, in the 84th year of his age. Funeral services at his late residence, 2940 Upton street n.w. on Saturday, September 9 at 2:30 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

The Evening Star, September 6, 1933

Ex-Bank Official Dies at Home Here

Joseph Gales Moore, 83, Was Former National Metropolitan Cashier

Joseph Gales Moore, 83, former cashier of the National Metropolitan Bank and actively connected with that institution for 61 years, died today at his home, 2940 Upton street. He had been in poor health for some time, but had been seriously ill only about a month.

Mr. Moore retired about five years ago from active connection with the bank. He started his work in finance as a messenger boy back in the days before the organization of the Washington Clearing House Association, where runners had to go from one bank to another, making check collections. During his 61 years in banking he witnessed many changes in banking methods. During the last years of his career he served the Metropolitan as auditor.

Began Work in 1867

Mr. Moore began his work with the Metropolitan on July 22, 1867, shortly after his graduation from Rittenhouse Academy. When not doing messenger work he was asked to give assistance to the paying teller, and this gave him his real start. The young messenger showed such ability and interest in his work that he was soon made an assistant bookkeeper. For 20 years he worked in all departments of the bank and became an expert in every phase of banking.

In May 1895 he was appointed assistant cashier and became cashier in December, 1900, succeeding George W. White, now president of the bank. He was made auditor in 1909, and, although not a director, he had the distinction of serving the board as secretary for 18 years.

Native of the District

A native of Washington, Mr. Moore was born here on July 29, 1850. His active banking career came to an end August 1, 1928. During part of the time that he was connected with the Metropolitan, he also was manager of the Washington Clearing House Association.

Before he reached such an advanced age, M. Moore was active in the Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants.

He is survived by one son, Gales P. Moore of Bristol, Conn., and three daughters, Miss Anne B. Moore of Washington, Mrs. Lathrop E. Baldwin, South Orange, N.J. and Miss Kate C. Moore of Washington. His wife, Kate Carroll (Pritchard) Moore, died several months ago.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

The Evening Star, September 7, 1933

Joseph Gales Moore Services on Saturday

Former Cashier of National Metropolitan Bank to Be Buried in Congressional

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday for Joseph Gales Moore, 83, former cashier of the National Metropolitan Bank, who died yesterday at his home, 2940 Upton street. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery following the services, to be held at his home.

A native of this city, Mr. Moore had been connected with the bank since 1867, when he started as a messenger boy. He retired from active work about five years ago.

He is survived by a son, Gales P. Moore, Briston, Conn., and three daughters, Miss Anne B. Moore of Washington, Mrs. Lathrop E. Baldwin, South Orange, N.J., and Miss Kate C. Moore of this city.