

Harry Theodore Roche

(- 21 Dec 1933)

Roche, Harry T. On Thursday, December 21, 1933, at Sibley Hospital, Harry T. Roche, beloved husband of Frances C. Roche. Services at his late residence, 4538 Cathedral ave. n.w., on Saturday, December 23 at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

Roche, Harry T. A special communication of Hope Lodge No. 20, F.A.A.M. is hereby called for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, Harry T. Roche, on Saturday, December 23, 1933 at 1 p.m.

Attest: Leslie E. Athey, Master

Paul B. Elcan, Secty.

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Illness Is Fatal To Mayer Official

Harry Theodore Roche Had Been Connected With Furniture Firm Since Youth

Taken suddenly ill Sunday, Harry Theodore Roche, 54, of 4538 Cathedral avenue, secretary and general manager of Mayer & Co., died early this morning in Sibley Hospital. He had been connected with the furniture concern since early youth and was part owner of the store. Death was due to peritonitis.

Members of Mr. Roche's family said he complained of pains on arising Sunday and became steadily worse until yesterday, when he was taken to the hospital. His condition began to improve until a sharp turn at 1 o'clock this morning. He died at 2:30 a.m.

Born in Washington the son of Patrick Henry and Emma I. Roche, Mr. Roche was educated in the public schools here and attended business college.

He entered the Mayer organization in 1895 and remained with the company throughout his life, gradually rising until he became a junior partner and general manager.

Recently he had taken an active interest in the work of the National Recovery Administration and was a member of the committee studying a furniture code. He was a leader in the Retail Furniture Association.

Mr. Roche was well known in civic circles and was a member of the City Club and Manor Country Club. He also was active in Masonry, being a member of Almas Temple Shriners; Columbia Commandery, Knights Templar; Lafayette Royal Arch Chapter and Hope Lodge F.A.A.M. Masonic rites will be held at the funeral. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed, but it was said the services probably will be Saturday.

Surviving Mr. Roche are his widow, Mrs. Frances C. Roche; and three sisters, Mrs. Alice Lee Yarnell of Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Albert Bealf of Providence, R.I., and Miss Elsie Roche, who lived with her brother.