

Richard Nelson Ryon

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Richard Nelson Ryon, Court Official, Dead

Popular Resident of Prince Georges County, Md., Succumbs--Funeral Tomorrow

Special Correspondence of The Star

HYATTSVILLE, March 2, 1914

Richard Nelson Ryon, clerk of the circuit court of Prince Georges county, died at his home, at Cottage City near this place, Saturday evening about 7 o'clock. Funeral services will be held tomorrow



RICHARD N. RYON.

morning at 10 o'clock at the family residence, Rev. Francis E. McManus, rector of Trinity Church of Upper Marlboro, officiating. The interment will be in Congressional cemetery, Washington. The pallbearers will be W.S. Hill, cashier of the First National Bank of South Maryland, of which Mr. Ryon was vice president; former State's Attorney M. Hampton Magruder, former County Treasurer C.A.M. Wells, James C. Rogers, T. Howard Duckett and Joseph Haas. Following the Episcopal Church service at the house the remains will be placed in charge of Birmingham Lodge, No. 189, F. and A.M. of Beltsville, Prince Georges county, for which the deceased was a member.

His Political Success

No man was better known in Prince Georges county than Richard N. Ryon, and his popularity was shown by the fact that he was elected as county treasurer, register of wills and clerk of the circuit court as a republican in a county supposed to be normally democratic. He was a candidate upon four occasions and his only defeat was in 1905, when C.A.M. Wells beat him for county treasurer by a majority of thirteen votes. Mr. Ryon was several times mentioned as the republican candidate for Congress from the fifth congressional district. He was a close personal and political friend of Gov. Goldsborough, the latter frequently consulting him as to conditions in the party in this section of Maryland. It is believed the governor never made an appointment in Prince Georges county without requiring an indorsement of the applicant from Mr. Ryon.

Born in Prince Georges County

Mr. Ryon was born in Croome, Nottingham district, in 1865, and was the son of William S. and Christiana Ryon, both of whom are dead. His early educational training was received in the public schools of his native county. He later attended the Maryland Agricultural College, and during his sophomore year was compelled to return home, fire having destroyed his father's place. He engaged in farming at Croome, and followed agricultural pursuits for four years. In 1895 he was elected register of wills, defeating T.B. Middleton of Spaulding's district by 350 majority. He served as register of wills four years, and in 1899 was elected county treasurer, defeating his democratic opponent by 113 votes. He served four years, and in 1905 was the republican candidate for treasurer, but was defeated as stated, by C.A.M. Wells, democrat, by a majority of thirteen votes.

In 1890 he married Miss Effie C. Low of Croome, the marriage taking place in Baltimore. In 1905 Mr. Ryon removed to Bladensburg district and erected a home in Cottage City, just outside the corporate limits. His wife and two children, Mrs. R.V. Kellogg and Roland R. Ryon, survive him.

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Richard N. Ryon Buried

Rites for Clerk of Prince Georges County Held at Cottage City

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Funeral services for Richard Nelson Ryon, clerk of the circuit court of Prince Georges county, who died at his home in Cottage City, near this place, Saturday evening, were held this morning at his late residence. Although regular meetings of the commissioners' and orphans' courts and the various official boards were scheduled for today in Upper Marlboro, the courthouse was closed and no business was transacted. The First National Bank of Southern Maryland, of which the deceased was vice president, also was closed.

Rev. F.E. McManus, rector of Trinity Church, Upper Marlboro, read the Episcopal burial service, and the body was turned over to the officers and members of Birmingham Lodge, A.F. and A.M. of Beltsville, Prince Georges county, who conducted services at the house and at the grave in Congressional cemetery, where interment was made. The pallbearers were W.S. Hill, M. Hampton Magruder, C.A.M. Wells, James C. Rogers, T. Howard Duckett and Joseph Haas.