

William Hamilton Smith (- 5 Oct 1921)

Smith. Suddenly on Wednesday, October 5, 1921, at 9 p.m., at Atlantic City, N.J., W. Hamilton Smith, 1511 22nd st. n.w., Washington D.C., beloved husband of Elizabeth Steele Smith. Funeral services 2 o'clock Saturday, October 8, 1921, Scottish Rite Cathedral, 433 3rd st. n.w. Remains Speare's undertaking establishment, 1208 H st. n.w., until Saturday morning.

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Hamilton Smith Dies at Seashore

Prominent D.C. Coal Dealer, 32d Degree Mason, Held Many Offices

W. Hamilton Smith, a resident of Washington since 1874, second vice president of the J. Maury Dove



Company and a man nationally known in the coal trade, died suddenly in Atlantic City last night. Mr. Smith had been ill with angina pectoris since last New Year's eve, but his condition was considered to be improving. Only this morning his business associates received letters from him telling how much he had been benefited by his seaside visit and expressing the hope that he would be back at work by next Monday.

With Firm Forty-Five Years

Mr. Smith had been with the Dove company for forty-five years. He was president of the Coal Merchants' Board of Trade, vice president of the Standard Coal Company, and was one of the organizers and vice presidents of the National Retail Coal Merchants' Association of the United States. He was also a member of the Board of Trade. He was considered an authority on every detail of his chosen business.

Surviving Mr. Smith are his wife, who was Miss Elizabeth Steele Smith of this city, and a son, Dr. W. Hamilton Smith, jr., of Hagerstown, Md. Mr. Smith's first wife was a Miss Hodkinson. Born in New London, Conn., February 18, 1862. Mr. Smith came of old New England stock. He was eligible to every patriotic society, including the Society of Mayflower Descendants. His grandfather, William Hamilton, was born in 1790 in one of the four houses left standing after the burning of New London by Gen. Benedict Arnold, while Oak Hill cemetery of that city contains the graves of many generations of his forbears.

High in Masonic Order

Mr. Smith's connections with Masonry were varied and of long standing. He was made a Mason in Harmony Lodge, No. 17, F.A.A.M., in 1886, was master of the lodge in 1890, and from 1891 until his death was its secretary. He became a Royal Arch Mason in Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 3, August 5, 1889, affiliated with Hiram Chapter, No. 10, September 6, 1894; and with Columbia Chapter, No. 1, on whose roles he is still carried, May 2, 1906.

He was knighted in Columbia Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, October 16, 1891, and was a 32d degree Knight Commander of the Court of Honor of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, having received his degrees in the local bodies, Mithras Lodge of Perfection, Evangelist Chapter, Knights Rose

Croix; Robert de Bruce Council, Knights Kadosh, and Albert Pike Consistory, M.R.S., thirty-one years ago. He was also a noble of Almas Temple of the Mystic Shrine of which he was illustrious potentate in 1912.

Funeral Here Saturday

The body is expected to arrive in Washington some time tonight. Rose Croix funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 433 3d street northwest. Officiating clergymen will be Rev. William Tayloe Snyder, rector of the Church of the Incarnation, and Rabbi Abram Simon, pastor of the Eighth Street Temple, an old personal friend.

The History of the City of Washington, Its Men and Institutions

W. Hamilton Smith, manager, and one of the board of directors of The J. Maury Dove Company, was born in New London, Connecticut. He came to this city in 1873, and was educated in the public schools of the city and under private tutors. In 1876 he entered the employ of H. Clay Stewart, who at the time conducted a retail coal and wood business at the corner of Twelfth and H streets. Upon the retirement of Mr. Stewart from active business this yard was purchased by Mr. Dove for Solomon Stover, and is still one of the branch yards of the business. In 1890 Mr. Smith left the employ of Mr. Dove and for one and one-half years was connected with Messrs. Woodward & Lothrop, of this city, and with several of the local newspapers in special correspondence and as an ad writer for several firms of this and other cities, holding the responsible position in the Boston House of credit clerk. In 1891 Mr. Dove's business was rapidly increasing, and his other interests demanded so much of his attention that he arranged with Mr. Smith to return to his employ, and up to the incorporation of the company he has been connected with Mr. J. Maury Dove in the capacity of manager, Mr. Dove recognizing his ability with a liberal interest in the company on the date of its incorporation. Mr. Smith is well known in Washington business circles as a young man of undoubted integrity and fine abilities. He is a prominent Mason and has held several high offices in various organizations of that fraternity, and in his capacity as manager has brought to the new business the value of the training and experience which for years he received when in the employ of Mr. Dove.