

William M. Stuart

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William M. Stuart, 81, Washington Post Stamp Editor

William M. Stuart, former Massachusetts newspaperman and politician and for nearly 20 years stamp editor of the Washington Post, died yesterday at George Washington University Hospital after a brief illness. He was 81.

A native of Lawrence, Mass., he served as chairman and secretary of the Republican City Committee there more than 50 years ago. He also served a three-year term as associate commissioner of Essex County, Mass.

He was editor at various times of three newspapers in his native city and had been associated with the Boston Record and Advertiser.

Came Here in 1905

Mr. Stuart left the latter paper in 1905 to come to Washington and was first appointed to a position in the office of the secretary of the Senate.

He was assistant journal clerk of the Senate during the administrations of President Taft and President Wilson.

He had always been interested in stamp collecting and while here began a collection of autographs of famous men and women. He once ran a clipping serve and for many years collected clippings for the Folger Library. He joined the Post as Stamp editor in 1933.

Wife Killed in Crash

Mr. Stuart's wife, Mrs. Sarah K. Stuart, was killed last May in a traffic accident here. For years the couple attended the Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church.

He was a member of the American Philatelic Society, the Society of Philatelic Americans, the American Air Mail Society and several other philatelic groups.