

[Whiting, Du Monte A.]

D. A. WHITING DIES IN BALTIMORE, MD.

High Mason and Well-Known Merchant Succumbs to Complication of Diseases

Du Mont¹ A. Whiting of No. 147 St. James place, a past commander of Hugh de Paydens commandery, Knights Templar, and one of the most prominent Masons in this city, died in the John Hopkins University hospital yesterday morning, after an illness of almost six months.

Mr. Whiting was removed to the Baltimore institution about three weeks ago. For several weeks prior to that time he was confined to a private hospital in Buffalo. Complication of diseases was the cause of death. Several days ago his condition became so serious his wife was called to Baltimore. She was with him when he died.

The funeral arrangements have not been made. The body will be brought to Buffalo this morning. Intimate friends of the family said last night the funeral will be held under the auspices of Hugh de Payens commandery and other Masonic bodies of which Mr. Whiting was a member.

Mrs. Newell Whiting of Waupum, Wis., mother of Mr. Whiting, arrived in Buffalo yesterday morning and intended to leave for Baltimore to see her son before he died, but a telegram telling of his death reached her before she left Buffalo. She will remain here for the funeral. Besides his wife, Mr. Whiting is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Palmer Hunt of Lafayette avenue and Miss Marjorie Whiting.

Mr. Whiting was sixty years old. He was born in Waupum, Wis., and came to Buffalo at an early age. For a short time he worked in the hardware store of Pratt & Letchworth on the Terrace. Later he obtained a position traveling for a stationery firm out of Cleveland.

With Willis Whiting and John Vosburgh, also traveling men, Mr. Whiting formed a partnership under the firm name of Vosburgh & Whiting, stationers. Willis Whiting dropped out of the firm a few years later. He was in no way related to Du Monte A. Whiting. About eighteen years ago the firm was incorporated as Vosburgh & Whiting company.

Mr. Whiting was a thirty-second degree Mason. He was a member of Queen City lodge, and was a past high priest of Keystone chapter, Royal Arch Masons; a member of Keystone council, Royal and Select Masons; Ismalia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and of Acacia club. He also was past commander of Hugh de Payens commandery, Knights Templar. Mr. Whiting also was a director of the Children's Aid Society.

Mr. Whiting was a member of the Universalist Church of North street.

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¹ On his marker in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo his given name is spelled Du Monte.

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SIMPLE RITES MARK THE WHITING FUNERAL

With simple ceremony the funeral of Du Monte A. Whiting, past commander of Hugh de Payens commandery, Knights Templar, took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, No. 127 St. James place. The family had requested that the ordinary Masonic funeral be dispensed with.

Services were conducted by the Rev. Leon O. Williams, of the [Universalist] Church of the Messiah.

[A list of honorary bearers is omitted here.]

The following were the active bearers: Joseph F. Braden, M. E. Blogget, Edward Smith, Dr. George L. Brown, Clarence M. Howard, Nelson O. Tiffany, Henry B. Dickinson, Willis P. Whiting, Herbert J. White, William Dempster.

Members of the Stationers' club of Buffalo closed their places of business during the time of the funeral in honor of Mr. Whiting, who was president of the organization.

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