

[Wilson, Daniel T.]

DANIEL T. WILSON DIES AT AGE OF 83

Once Headed Flandrau & Co., World Famous Carriage Making Concern

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Merrick, L. I., Aug. 7—Daniel T. Wilson, former president of Flandrau & Co., famed the world over as carriage makers before the automobile became popular, died yesterday at the age of 83, in the rectory of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Redeemer here, where he lived with his daughter, Mrs. John E. Gerstenberg, wife of the rector.

Funeral services will be held in the Church of the Redeemer, Merrick, at 2 p.m. Monday. Interment will follow in Cypress Hills Cemetery.

Born in the Eastern District section of Brooklyn, Mr. Wilson was active in the community's social, religious and civic affairs. A son of Benjamin W. Wilson, for years president of the Eastern District Industrial School, Mr. Wilson served that institution as secretary for many years.

At the time of his death he was associated with J. S. Inskip, Inc., of New York, automobile dealers.

During the early part of the century Mr. Wilson had been president of the Carriage Builders' National Association. He started with Flandrau & Co. in 1877, when the firm was established in Broome st. on New York's lower East Side. His father was a member of the firm of N. F. & B. W. Wilson, New York sailmakers, who made the sails for the yacht America, which in 1851 won the America's Cup in England.

A vigorous campaigner for civic improvement in the Eastern District section, where he spent a large part of his life, Mr. Wilson was president of the old Hanover Club and an active member of the 19th Ward Improvement Association.

He was a member of the Old First Class of the Wilson St. School, of whom there are now only six surviving members, and was twice president of the group.

He was a member of All Souls Universalist Church, then located in the Eastern District [Williamsville] and now in Flatbush, and was superintendent of the Sunday School for a number of years.

Surviving are his daughter and a son, Kenneth C. Wilson of Pelham, N.Y., also a brother, Frank W., and two sisters, Mrs. Frank M. Price and Lorena Wilson, all of Brooklyn. His wife, Mrs. Phoebe Cunningham Wilson, died in 1934.

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