

MR. H. G. CANNON.

LEADING MEMBER OF RICHMOND BAR PASSES AWAY.

AS SOLDIER, CITIZEN, AND LAWYER.

Served His Country Faithfully in War, was a Good Citizen and Stood in the Front Rank of His Profession—Many Other Deaths.

Mr. Henry Gibbon Cannon, one of the oldest and most prominent members of the Richmond bar, died at his residence No. 105 Grove avenue, yesterday morning at 4:45 o'clock.

His death, though following a long illness, was rather sudden. He had been in failing health for a year or two, and had been confined to his home for some weeks. He was as bright as usual on Wednesday, and was well enough to be rolled out in his back porch for some time. That night about 10 o'clock he had a sinking spell, from which he never rallied. Death was due to a complication of troubles, which finally affected the heart.

The funeral will take place from the residence Saturday afternoon at 4:20 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Robert P. Kerr, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, which Mr. Cannon and his family had attended for many years, will conduct the service, and the interment will be made in Hollywood. By request of the family there will be no flowers.

SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

Mr. Cannon was distinctly a Richmond man. He was born, reared, and had spent his entire life here, and was devoted to the city and her interests. He was in his 70th year, having been born November 13, 1830. His father, Mr. Henry Cannon, was a prominent merchant here in the earlier part of this century. There were several children, but only three lived to maturity. These were the late Edward Y. Cannon, of this city; Mr. P. Middleton Cannon, who died in Baltimore about a year ago, and the deceased.

Mr. Cannon was educated in the best schools of Richmond and at the University of Virginia, where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Before taking up the profession to which he devoted his life and in which he achieved great success, he filled for two or three years the position of assistant book-keeper for the hardware firm of S. and J. H. W. Cannon, and Mr. J. D. Donnan, who regarded as an exceptionally fine book-keeper, and the experience that Mr. Cannon gained under him proved of inestimable advantage to him in later years in the practice of law.

LIFE AS A LAWYER.

Mr. Cannon practiced law for nearly a half century. He came to the bar in 1852, and practiced regularly and successfully, except during the war, until a little more than a year ago, when his failing health compelled him to retire. Since then he had been confined to his home quite closely.

In January, 1857, Mr. Cannon formed a copartnership with Major A. R. Courtney, and the well known firm of Cannon & Courtney continued until January, 1860. They enjoyed a large and lucrative practice. When the firm was dissolved Mr. Cannon took into partnership Mr. Allen G. Collins, who had as a student been associated with him. Recently when his son, Mr. James Edward Cannon, came to the bar, he formed a copartnership with him, which continued until his retirement from active practice.

WAS A GALLANT SOLDIER.

Mr. Cannon was a gallant soldier. He enlisted at the beginning of the war in the 1st Virginia Cavalry, and was promoted to command of South Carolina, sharing all its hardships. About 1862 he returned to Virginia and became a member of the staff of General McCausland, and took an active part in the battle of Gettysburg. He had his horse shot and killed under him in an engagement, in which he showed great coolness and courage. He saw service also in West Virginia, and was twice wounded. He was a member of the court-martial which sat at the Yellow Sulphur and Montgomery White Sulphur Springs. He continued in this position to the end of the war. His rank was that of major.

HIS FAMILY.

It was while discharging his duties as Judge Advocate in Southwest Virginia that Mr. Cannon met his wife, Margaret Edmondson, a sister of Mrs. Thomas Rutherford Blair, of this city, who has been adopted by her uncle, Colonel James E. Edmondson, who in 1859 became his wife. Mrs. Cannon, who survives her husband, is a sister of Mrs. Blair and granddaughter of the distinguished "Parson" Blair of blessed memory.

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Personal and Briefs.

Mr. Julius Seale, who has been quite unwell for the last few weeks, is able to be about again.

Other Deaths and Funerals.

Mrs. Virginia Carter Williams, widow of Mr. C. N. Williams, died at 5:50 o'clock last night at her residence, No. 607 north Ninth street. She was in her 64th year. Her husband was a prominent merchant. She is survived by her husband's children—Messrs. Rufus C. and R. H. Williams; Messrs. M. Grace and Cora L. Williams; Mrs. W. M. Cole, and Mrs. L. T. Hicks, of this city, and Messrs. C. H. Williams, of Baltimore, Md. Funeral at the residence at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Samuel C. Ball died at 11:30 o'clock last night at his residence, No. 618 Mosby street. He had been in ill health for a year or more. He is survived by one son and a ship-builder. He is survived by four daughters, and two sons. He also leaves three brothers. The funeral will take place from Venable-Street Baptist church Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The interment will be in Oakwood.

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