

JUDGE SEXTON DIED TODAY

A Life Of Usefulness To Two
Generations Calmly
Closes.

AT ST. CLEMENT'S TODAY

His Body Lies In State, With
Masons Ready To Es-
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Tomorrow.

Judge F. B. Sexton died this morning at 9 o'clock at his home in this city after a brief illness. He was taken ill about a week ago and has been confined to his bed ever since. For a while it was hoped that he might recover from this, as he had done from previous attacks, but the grim destroyer refused to be put off longer, and the end came at last. With the wonderful energy that characterized him through life Judge Sexton continued to attend to his duties as United States commissioner to the last and being unable to get out heard two cases at his room.

He continued however to sink rapidly and yesterday Dr. S. T. Turner, his physician, abandoned all hope of his recovery. Dr. C. T. Rake was called in for consultation but the end could not be postponed long. His son and married daughter in east Texas were telegraphed for. His daughter arrived on the T. & P. last night. His son was unable to get here in time and hence will go to Marshall to the funeral.

Judge F. B. Sexton was born in Indiana, April 29, 1823, and came to Texas and settled in San Augustine county when nine years of age. He was admitted to practice law by a special act of the legislature at the age of twenty.

When the war came he was elected to the state senate but refused to accept the position and took the stump in favor of states rights and secession. He was subsequently elected to the confederate congress and served throughout the war.

In 1876 he was delegate to the democratic convention that nominated Samuel J. Tilden for the presidency, and seconded the nomination of Mr. Tilden.

Judge Sexton was married August 10, 1852, his wife having now been dead about four years. He leaves two sons, one in El Paso, and Richard, who is at school in Austin, and two daughters. One Mrs. H. F. Estill, resides at Huntsville, Texas, and the other, Miss Mary Sexton, is a teacher in the public schools of this city.

The judge located in El Paso some six years ago. At the time of his death he was the United States commissioner for this district and in his capacity as such he decided the famous Rich case that has established the precedent for the surrender by the United States and Mexico of such of the citizens of one country as are accused of crimes in the other.

Judge Sexton's Masonic record is as follows: made Master Mason in Red Land lodge number 3, San Augustine, Texas, 1849; worshipful master in 1853, 1858, 1859, 1871. Grand master 1876, and is the oldest living past grand master. Past grand high priest of grand Royal Arch chapter of Texas; grand commander Knights Templar of Texas, 1870, also a 32d degree Mason.

The Masons will take charge of the remains, which will be transferred to St. Clement's church this afternoon where they will lie in state and can be viewed by friends of the deceased. Tomorrow morning they will be shipped to Marshall, Texas, where they will be interred by the wife of his wife. The remains will be taken to the T. & P. depot tomorrow morning and escorted by the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar. A guard of six Knights will accompany the remains.

The Texas state flag is at half mast on the courthouse in honor of the deceased. At his own request the HERALD states that he died as he had lived, an "unreconstructed confederate."