

COL. A. S. COLYAR IS DEAD

Nashville Loses Prominent
Member of Its Bar.

Served as a Member of the Con-
federate Congress.

Spent Years as an Editor And
Wrote Life of Andrew
Jackson.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 13.—Col. A. S. Colyar, aged ninety years, distinguished jurist, statesman and author, died at his home here this morning. He was a member of the Confederate congress.

Col. Colyar was stricken with an attack of weakness at one o'clock Thursday morning. Mrs. Colyar was awakened by hearing her husband breathing very heavily. He was a very light sleeper ordinarily and his breathing therefore alarmed her.

She called and he could not reply. Relatives were summoned from other parts of the house and then a doctor, and it was ascertained that the venerable editor, lawyer, statesman and historian had lapsed into what proved his last sleep on earth.

Col. Colyar is survived by a widow and four children.

The funeral will be held in this city Sunday afternoon.

Sketch of His Life.

Col. Arthur S. Colyar was for years one of the most prominent lawyers at Nashville. He was born in Washington county, Tennessee, in 1818, and was the son of Alexander Colyar. He was educated in the schools of the time, manager at best, outside of the principal universities. When about twelve years old his parents moved to Franklin county where he continued school for a time and then taught for several years. He then took up the study of law with Col. Micah Paul who had been a distinguished congressman from Kentucky in early days and who at that



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time was a resident of Winchester. Col. Colyar was admitted to the bar in 1846 and practiced law in Winchester until the war broke out when he was elected to the Confederate congress and continued a member of that body during its existence. For a number of years before the war he was prominent in politics in Tennessee. After the war he resumed his practice at Winchester but having been retained in several important cases in Nashville this fact led to his removal to that city in 1867.

Among the first things he did as a citizen of Nashville was to attack the municipal government and he did it so vigorously that radical changes were made and the parties who had been in authority were deposed and heard of no more.

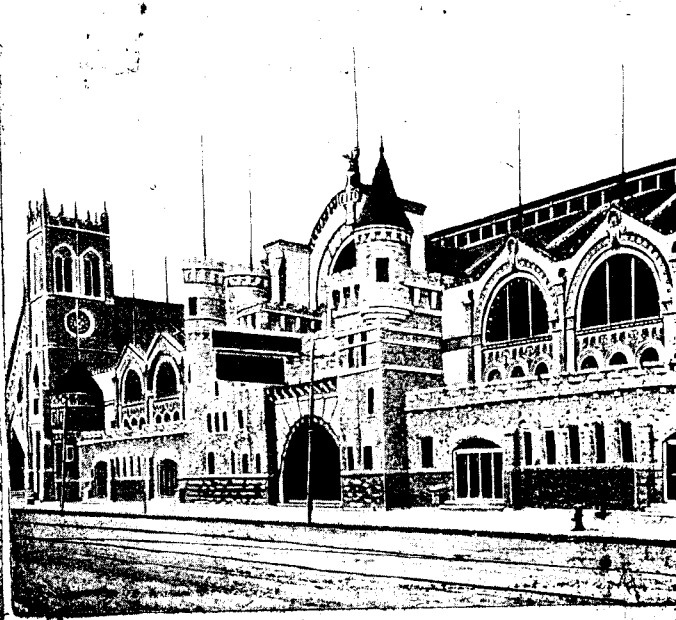
Since becoming a member of the Nashville bar he has been one of the leaders in the legal circles of the city. At the time of his removal from Winchester he was president of the Tennessee, Coal & Iron company. He served in the Tennessee legislature one session in the seventies but has devoted most of his attention to the law though he has taken considerable interest now and then in the field of journalism. About 1880 he became the editor of the Nashville American and for four or five years successfully occupied that position. Then established the News which he edited for two years, after which he sold the paper and bought the American which he conducted some time thereafter as editor. He was the author of a life of Andrew Jackson in two volumes, to the preparation of which he devoted many years and to him it was a labor of love as he was a disciple of old Hickory throughout his entire life. As late as 1896 he took a very active part in a presidential campaign making vigorous stump speeches for weeks almost every day in favor of the election of William J. Bryan. He was a prominent member of the Round Table of Nashville and also of the Methodist Episcopal church, South.

Col. A. S. Colyar, who died in Nashville Friday, was born near here almost ninety years ago on a farm on Chuckkey river, now in the possession of your correspondent. The old house in which he was born is still standing. Its floor is fastened with locust pins. This house is said to be the oldest in the county. Col. Colyar visited it just after the war and expressed a desire to do so again. The old homestead passed from the Colyars to the Taylors, then to Jackson and Strain, then to West, then to Remine. The great flood in Chuckkey river a few years ago washed the foundation from under one side of the house, but it has since been repaired and is now occupied by J. Dosser Salts. It is located below Embreeville in the beautiful Chuckkey Valley and is surrounded by happy prosperous farmers including the Hon. A. A. Taylor, Chas. Carson, Esq., Chas. Decker and others. Col. Colyar was for years one of the leading lawyers of Tennessee and served during the great war between the states and in the confederate congress and is perhaps the last one of the Tennessee delegates who served in that celebrated body.

TAFT'S CAREER IN BRIEF

William Howard Taft, Secretary of War of the United States. Born in Cincinnati, September 15, 1857. Son of Alphonse (Attorney General United States 1876-7) and Louise M. (Torrey) Taft. Graduated from Woodward High School, Cincinnati, 1874. Graduated from Yale with the degree of B. A. 1878 (second in a class of 121, salutatorian and class orator. Graduated from the Cincinnati Law School 1880, degree of LL. B., dividing first prize. LL. D., University of Pennsylvania, 1902, and Yale, 1903.

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