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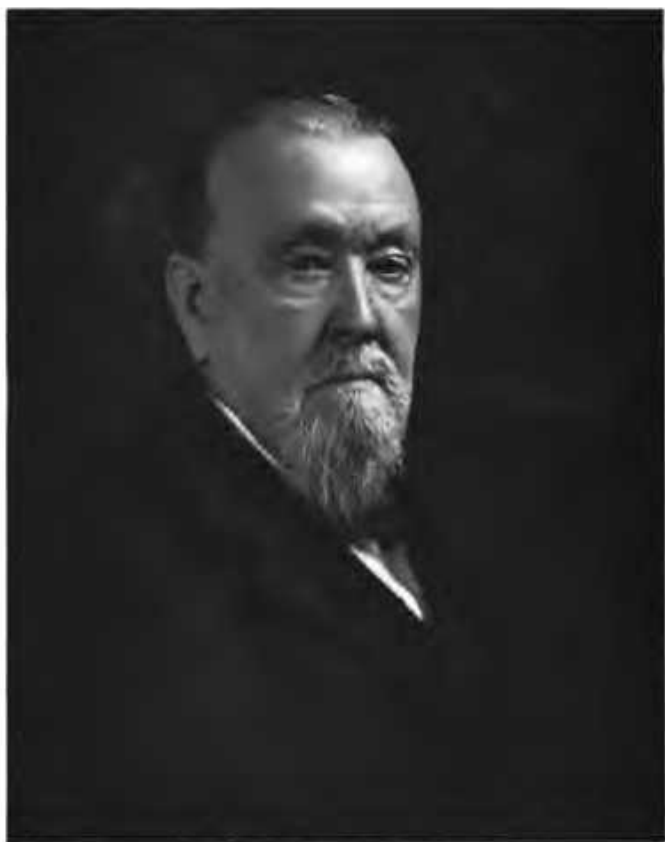
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## In Memoriam

### CALVIN WELLS



ON the evening of Monday, August 2, 1909, at his home, 928 Lincoln Ave., Allegheny, Calvin Wells was seized with a heart attack and died a few minutes later, apparently without pain or suffering. He had had several similar attacks before, at widely separated intervals, but had rallied from them and for several months previous to his last and fatal seizure he had enjoyed the normal good health of a fairly vigorous octogenarian. On the day preceding his death he had attended the morning services in his church, the Third Presbyterian of Pittsburg, and in the same afternoon he went to the funeral of the senior elder of the church, Mr. Stulen. He spent a short time in his office of the Pittsburg Forge and Iron Company on Monday. He was planning to go to Canada later in the week to make his annual visit with his son's family at their summer cottage on Muskoka Lake. The annual meeting of the Pittsburg Forge & Iron Company had been called for an earlier date than usual that he might start the sooner on his Canadian outing. There was nothing to indicate that he had not several years of useful life before him. He ate his dinner at home on Monday evening as usual and afterwards sat out on the porch for a little while, as was his custom on warm summer evenings. He went to his bed-room a little before nine, and there while sitting in an easy-chair the end came. A niece of his wife's, Mrs.

Annie Lincoln, and a trained nurse and other attendants were with him at the time. A physician was immediately summoned, but the end had come, and at the age of 81 years 7 months and 5 days Calvin Wells passed away.

His children, summoned by telegraph, were soon on the scene. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin G. Wells arrived from Philadelphia early Tuesday morning, Mrs. Annie G. Cook and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Griggs followed a little later on the next day. All of his relatives by blood or marriage within reach of Pittsburg hastened there to pay the last tribute of respect to their kinsman whom they honored and loved. Letters and messages of appreciation and regret came to the family in large numbers and from all quarters, and it was soon made manifest that in the public estimation a great man, one of Pittsburg's chief citizens, had passed away. It was just past mid-summer, a time when that portion of Pittsburg's population that can do so scatter far and wide, but Mr. Wells' friends came from distant points to attend his funeral. The services took place at 3 o'clock Thursday, August 5, in the Third Presbyterian Church, with which Mr. Wells had been so long and closely associated. We take the following account of the funeral from the PHILADELPHIA PRESS of August 6, 1909.

THE FUNERAL AT THE THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1909.

Servant of God, well done!

Rest from thy loved employ;

The battle fought, the victory won,

Enter thy Master's joy.

Simply, impressively, Rev. Dr. William L. McEwan,  
pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church, to-day closed

the career of Calvin Wells to the public at large, when, with James Montgomery's first stanza of his "Death of a Veteran," the minister ended the public funeral service of the late steel-master, and the body of one of Pittsburg's grandest old men was taken to the family lot in the Allegheny Cemetery, where, before the members of the immediate family, there was a short prayer and "earth was consigned to earth."

As he had lived so Calvin Wells was buried. Display there was none, unless the attendance at the church of the most prominent men in Greater Pittsburg might be considered display. They were all there—jurists, professional men, steel kings and merchant princes—to pay a last tribute to one about whom not one person could say one unkind word.

#### SHORT SERVICE AT HOME.

The funeral services started shortly after 2 o'clock at the family home, 928 Lincoln Avenue, North Side, where there was a short prayer, and the immediate family gazed upon the features of Mr. Wells for the last time.

Then the massive, black, simple coffin, with its plain inscription, "Calvin Wells, Dec. 26, 1827—Aug. 2, 1909," was placed in the hearse and, followed by the pall-bearers and the family, was conveyed to the Third Presbyterian Church, Fifth and South Negley Avenues.

Notwithstanding the family had requested that flowers be omitted, the entire front of the church was one mass of roses, while there were many pieces contributed by officials of the corporations with which he was connected or by personal friends.

As the eight active pall-bearers carried the casket through the entrance to the church, Organist Vincent B.