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Ex-Lieut Gov William H. Haile is Dead.

He Had Been in Poor Health for More Than a Year.

Was Three Times Lieutenant Governor of State.

Defeated for Governorship by William E. Russell.

Left Politics to Take More Active Part in Business.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb 13—Ex-Lieut Gov William H. Haile died unexpectedly this afternoon of kidney trouble. He was 67 years old.

Mr Haile had been in poor health for several weeks, and the affliction of his son with smallpox necessitated confinement, and brought on anxiety which undoubtedly hastened Mr Haile's death.



EX-LIEUT GOV WILLIAM H. HAILE

The fatal attack occurred but a few minutes before death. The family physician was powerless to relieve the pain. For a minute Mr Haile appeared to experience relief, and then he was dead. Mr Haile's family, consisting of Mrs Haile, his son, Harry C., who is now convalescent from smallpox, and his daughter, Mrs Cheney Calkins, were present at the deathbed. Mr Haile was not able to speak, but it was evident that he recognized those about him.

No resident of Springfield enjoyed greater respect than Mr Haile. His wealth was honestly acquired, and in prosperity he did not forget acquaintances on whom fortune had not smiled.

The funeral in the First Congregational church Saturday afternoon will be a public one. Rev F. L. Goodspeed, the pastor, will conduct the services, assisted by Rev Dr J. L. R. Trask, pastor of the Memorial church, and Rev Dr E. A. Reed of Holyoke.

William H. Haile was born in Chesterfield, N H, Sept 23, 1833. His parents were William and Sabrana (Walker) Haile. His father was the first republican governor of New Hampshire and had been a prominent factor in the civil, business and religious life of the state.

Soon after the birth of William H. Haile the family removed to Hinsdale, where the future lieutenant governor of Massachusetts grew to boyhood and availed himself of such educational facilities as the town afforded. Later he attended Kimball union academy at Meriden, N H, where he concluded his preparatory course.

He entered Amherst college in 1852, and, after a year and a half of study there, went to Dartmouth, where he was graduated in 1856 with high honors. On leaving college he went to Springfield and studied for the bar, to which he was admitted a few years later.

His natural predilections, however, leaned toward a business rather than a professional career, and he went back to Hinsdale, and engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods.

His father had been for years engaged in that industry. One of the partners in his firm selling out his interest, young Haile, in 1861, became a partner, which then became known as Haile, Frost & Co. The late Rufus S Frost of Chelsea was the other member of the firm.

William Haile, father of the lieutenant governor, died in 1876. In 1884 the business was transferred to the Haile & Frost Mfg Co, of which William H. Haile became treasurer, Mr Frost retaining the presidency up to his death in 1894. On his death, William H. Haile became president of the corporation.

So close were the personal relations of the two principal members of the firm that on the death of Mr Frost, his friend and partner, Mr Haile, was elected president of the National association of wool growers, of which Mr Frost had been president. Thereafter Mr Haile was annually reelected.

Mr Haile, while a resident of his native state, had taken part in public affairs, and had frequently been elected to office. This success he repeated when he moved to Massachusetts, finally attaining the second highest office in the gift of his adopted state.

The town of Hinsdale three times elected him to the state legislature of New Hampshire, in 1865, 1866 and 1871. Having in the meantime moved to Springfield he was elected mayor of that city in 1881, and, during the two succeeding years, he represented the 1st Hampshire senatorial district in the Massachusetts senate.

Mr Haile was first nominated for lieutenant governor in the autumn of 1887, on the ticket headed by J. Q. A. Brackett, for the term of 1890. The ticket was elected but Mr Brackett was defeated by William E Russell. In 1890, Mr Haile was reelected and was nominated in 1891 on the ticket with Charles H. Allen of Lowell. Mr Allen was defeated and Mr Haile again reelected. In each of the three years that Mr Haile was elected lieutenant governor his vote was larger than that of the republican candidates for governor.

In 1892 Mr Haile was placed at the head of the republican ticket, with Roger Wolcott for lieutenant governor, and in this contest was defeated, Mr Wolcott being elected with the democratic governor William E Russell.

The outcome did not in any way reflect on Mr Haile, nor his ability as a vote getter. It was simply a tribute to the widespread popularity and the splendid abilities of his democratic opponent, William E. Russell. Mr Haile made no further effort to become governor of Massachusetts.

In later years, and especially since his retirement from politics, Mr Haile's business interests and connections became very widespread. He was president of Springfield gas-light company, director in Springfield fire and marine insurance company, Massachusetts paper company, Chester paper company, Pynchon national bank, Worcester national bank and Berkshires cotton manufacturing company. He was also a director in Springfield city library association and a trustee of Springfield association for savings.

In 1861 Mr Haile married Amelia L., daughter of Eben S. and Louisa (Brons) Chapin of Springfield. The children living are Henry C. Haile, treasurer of the Haile & Frost manufacturing company, and Alice, the wife of Dr Cady H. Calkins of Springfield. The oldest child, William C., died in infancy.