

Death of Henry Markle

From the Clearfield, Pa., Public Spirit: Henry H. Markle, a most highly respected and widely known pioneer citizen of the Third Ward of this city, passed away at his home on West Front St. on Monday, January 12th, 1920, at one o'clock, aged about 81 years. His health had been more or less impaired for ten years but had been growing gradually worse until about four years ago when he retired from active life.

He had removed here from York County, which was the parent home, a half century ago, and was one of the very first if not the first to erect his home on "the other side of the river," thus starting West Clearfield, now known as Third Ward. He was a master carpenter and builder and was associated with another master carpenter contractor and builder, the late Samuel Schenck, in the firm of Markle and Schenck in, which firm the community had implicit confidence, which fact is attested by the fine homes in Clearfield and so well and substantially built by them. For a great many years Mr. Markle was an expert pattern maker in the Clearfield Machine Shops, where he was much consulted and where he held the utmost confidence of his employers and fellow-workmen.

All his life Mr. Markle took an active and patriotic interest in public affairs. In national politics he was an unwavering democrat, and most intelligently informed always upon the issues of the day. Few men could cope with him in their discussion, and upon the great question of

the tariff there was scarcely a man in this community who was so well posted upon the various tariff schedules or their effect upon the business progress, pro or con, of the country under its operations.

In the various positions when he was elected he was always prompt, efficient and conscientious. Never seeking office but never shirking duty when the office sought him. He was all his years from early manhood a consistent Christian man who took an active and influential part in the church of his choice namely, the Lutheran church, and it is said of him that he was thoroughly posted on church history and discipline and carried out in his own life heroically and proudly before the world, the sublime teachings of the Master.

No word of praise given this good man could do his noble life and character full credit as the flowers and affections of loved ones bid farewell to him, and thus ends beautifully the chapter of his life as it should be ended. His example and influence however will live on far beyond the life limit of those who now pay him last and loving tribute.

He is survived by two daughters, Misses Mary and Gussie Markle, at home, and five sons, namely: Clarence Markle, of Aspinwall; Charles Markle, of Pittsburg; George N. Markle, of New York City; A. W. Markle and Wilbur Markle, of St. Johns, a suburb of Portland City, Oregon. The funeral was held from his late home, Rev. C. W. Baker, his pastor, of the Lutheran Church, officiating. R. Wm. Thompson Funeral Director, interment in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Letter From H. O. Rogers

Mr. Rogers was formerly a well known St. Johns attorney and has many friends here who will be glad to know he is succeeding so well in his new home in the "Smoky City."

Dear Markle: I think that the last time I wrote you was considerably over a year ago. At that time I was with the War Risk Bureau in Washington, D. C. Last June I left the Bureau and went into Estate Tax work for Internal Revenue Service at headquarters in Washington. From there I was transferred to the 23d District of Pennsylvania with my post of duty here in Pittsburg. That was on October 1st, 1919. The tax game is a very interesting one—investigating and reporting on the returns filed. Uncle Sam is very thorough in these matters, to see that he gets all that's coming to him—and that's a plenty these days. The work is full of variety—never two cases alike—presenting new and interesting questions almost daily. Very frequently agents and inspectors are confronted with questions of law, so that a legal training is almost necessary to handle the job. In fact, the Treasury Department is now requiring applicants for these appointments to be more educated and trained along legal lines. This is especially true of those doing estate work. Of course this phase of the work was pleasing to me.

I had a chance to go to either Cincinnati or Pittsburgh. I selected the latter, because of the great industrial activities which prevail here in the heart of the nation's greatest iron and coal region. The old burg is pretty smoky—living up to its reputation in that respect. Nevertheless, it has many beautiful residence districts and a fine system of public parks, and the place hums with commerce and industry. Naturally it is a city of much wealth and many business opportunities.

You might be interested in knowing that on January first I received a very tempting offer of a job in the Legal Department of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, a big \$25,000,000 corporation doing business all over the east, south and central west, with branches in all the principal cities therein. Altho I would have liked to stay with the government for another year or so, on account of the splendid training afforded, yet the salary offered me by the company was such that I could not afford to pass up the offer, and I accepted, and have been at work in my new job since the first of the year. I regard the connection as one of the best and am much pleased with the outlook. The home office occupies the entire 16th floor of the Frick Building here. My associates are men of large caliber in the business world and association with them ought to be of considerable advantage in the matter of future prospects.

Mother and Grace are with me here. Grace is taking advantage of a year's leave of absence from the Portland schools by attending a fine school of arts and crafts. She likes the work and it keeps her very busy. I often think of Portland and St. Johns and have by no means forgotten my friends there. Give my regards to such of them that you may see from time to time and accept for yourself my best wishes for the new year. Yours sincerely, Howard O. Rogers.

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