

DEATH CLAIMS BRUSH

President of New York National
League Club Dies in Train
En Route to Pacific Coast



JOHN T. BRUSH.

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St. Louis, Nov. 26.—The private car bearing the body of John T. Brush, owner of the New York National league baseball club, who died in his car at Louisiana, Pike county, early today, reached here soon after 7 o'clock.

The death of Brush, while sudden, was not unexpected. He had been an invalid from locomotor ataxia for years and was enroute to the Pacific coast in the hope that a change of air might benefit him. Brush was unconscious when he was taken from New York on Sunday night. The body will be taken to New York for burial.

New York, Nov. 26.—The news of the death of John T. Brush, head of the New York Nationals, came as a distinct shock to his hundreds of friends. A fortnight ago he was reported dying, but he seemed to have a change for the better, and, although known to be desperately ill when he left here Sunday night, it was expected his malady would yield to treatment and the salubrious air of southern California.

While ill for years, it is believed here that the compelling cause of death was an automobile accident, the baseball magnate met with on Sept. 11 last. At that time an automobile in which he was riding collided with a big auto truck and was thrown against the sidewalk and overturned. Brush had two ribs broken and was badly shaken up. Since then he has been in a serious condition and has been out of his house only occasionally.

John Tomlinson Brush was born in Clinton county, this state, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Orphaned when four years old he was brought up by his step-uncle, working on a farm until 12 years old. He worked as a boy in a country store in Clintonville, N. Y., and afterward went to Utica, where he was given a partnership in the clothing firm of Owen, Pixley & Co. Later he opened clothing stores in Troy and Lockport and still later in Indianapolis.

Brush first appeared in baseball as president of the Indianapolis club, in the National league in 1888-89. At the end of the latter year he sold the Indianapolis team to New York, such famous players as Rusie, Glasscock and Jerry Denny figuring in the sale, and in 1891 purchased a controlling interest in the Cincinnati club, remaining owner of this team until 1902, when his interests were purchased by Garry Herrmann and associates. Brush immediately went to New York and purchased a controlling interest in the Giants, became president of that club and was at the head of the club when he died.

Under Brush's lead the Giants were rejuvenated, McGraw was signed as manager and the New York National league team has figured prominently in the pennant races in the parent organization.

Brush retained a controlling interest in the When Clothing Co., with headquarters in Indianapolis, and branches in the principal cities of Indiana. He retained his residence in the Hoosier capital, his home being one of the show places in a city of beautiful homes. He was married, and his widow and one daughter survive.

Brush was a thirty-third degree Mason, a member of many clubs here and in Indianapolis, and was married to Miss Elsie Lombard in 1904, and she and one daughter survive him.

It was expected that the meeting of the National league, called to investigate the charges brought against President Fogel of the Philadelphia Nationals would be postponed indefinitely because of the death of Brush.