

Dies from Illness



GEORGE R. LOMBAED

ILLNESS FATAL TO GEORGE LOMBARD

Outstanding Business Leader Succumbs After Long Sickness

George Rowley Lombard, for many years one of the outstanding business men and public leaders of this city, died at his home at 2104 Gardner street, at 8:30 o'clock last night at the age of 73 years. He had been ill for the past three months, but had remained in active charge of the Lombard Iron Works, of which he was president, until a month ago, when he was confined to his home because of a general run-down condition and his advanced age.

Funeral services will be conducted at four o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Greene street Presbyterian church and interment will be in the mausoleum in the Westover cemetery. Dr. Marvin M. MacFerrin, pastor of the Greene street Presbyterian church, will officiate, assisted by Rev. S. L. McCarty, pastor of the Reid Memorial church, and Dr. Frank Crossley Morgan, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

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Pallbearers will be: active, J. G. Belding, H. M. Leitner, William A. Rigsby, D. S. Anderson, J. E. Hanahan and Clarence Burch; honorary, Dr. George A. Traylor, Dr. J. H. Butler, P. E. May, I. S. Ferguson, Boykin Wright, E. H. Callaway, Frank R. Clarke, Oswell R. Eve, Arthur H. Merry, Landon Thomas, John W. Dickey and A. H. Hollingsworth.

Mr. Lombard, ever since he entered the business life of Augusta at the age of 14, had held a high place in the esteem of Augusta, and his prestige grew with every year. He had held public office, been prominent in manufacturing industries of the city, held a high place in church and Masonic life, had been a leader in the Y. M. C. A. movement. He had served the city when he was needed, had lived a full and useful life. His death has caused grief throughout the city, because he was as popular as he was efficient and beneficent.

George R. Lombard was born in Richmond county on Jan. 1, 1856, the son of George Obed Lombard and Frances Rowley. He was a grandson of Harman Rowley, who was the founder of the original plant which later became the Lombard Iron Works. He had very little education of the kind that is offered in schools, but in later years he was known as a learned and well-educated man, having gained from life and study what most men fail to grasp in a life of collegiate opportunity. He went to school un-

... until he was 13 years old in one of the public rural schools in Richmond county, and after that year he went to work as office boy in the plant which was operated by his grandfather and which he was later to own and operate for many decades. He rose fast in the business, having learned every branch of the foundry before he was 21 years old, and assumed the responsibilities of a trained business executive at an early age.

Mr. Lombard was married twice. His first marriage was to Miss Alice Hephzibah Kendrick, on Dec. 31, 1876, and two children survive this union. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Lombard was married on May 29, 1917, to Miss Martha Swindell, who survives him. Besides

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Mrs. Lombard, he is survived by two children, George S. Lombard - and Mrs. Samuel A. Fortson, both of Augusta; twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

As president of George R. Lombard & company, which was incorporated in 1894 under the name of Lombard Iron Works, Mr. Lombard was active and prominent in many other phases of the business life of the city. He was for a number of years a director in the John P. King Manufacturing company and a director of several banks here, and at the time of his death was a director in the Enterprise Manufacturing company and the Langley Manufacturing company.

A tribute to his ability and sagacity was paid by the city of Augusta when Mr. Lombard was made a member of the sinking fund commission, a body of outstanding business men of high integrity who handle a vital part of the public debt.

Mr. Lombard was a member of the famous "committee of 100" which performed a valuable political service to the city in 1891 and made the ruling that no mayor of Augusta could succeed himself in that office. He served in city council under Mayors Patrick Walsh, James H. Alexander and Jacob Phinizy, and was active in inaugurating a number of programs of public improvement. Since that time, Mr. Lombard declined to accept public office and spent all of his time in devotion to his business interests.

The only fraternal order of which he was a member was the local lodge of Masons, in which he took an active part for a number of years. He was also a member of the Greene Street Presbyterian church and carried out the tenets of Christianity in his home and at business. He was admired and respected by all

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