

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 12.—Walter A. Post, President of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, and President of the Dominion Land Company, died suddenly at his home here to-night.

Walter A. Post was born at Kingston, N. Y., Jan. 7, 1857. His first engineering work of importance was with I. E. White, contractor for terminal improvements on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad at Newport News. In 1890 he went with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company as civil engineer, and under his direction the erection of the present plant was carried to completion. Mr. Post was chosen President of the company in February, 1911.

Mr. Post belonged to the Engineers' and Railroad Clubs of New York City and to the Virginia Club of Norfolk, Va. He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Society of Naval Engineers, and the Society of Naval Architects. He had been a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society of London, England, since 1883, and a member of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

Nathaniel B. Valentine.

Nathaniel B. Valentine, a descendant of Thomas Valentine, who occupied the famous house on Valentine Hill, Yonkers, during the revolution, died at his country home in Essex, Conn., Sunday night of pneumonia. He was 79 years old. Born in Yonkers he had lived there until seven years ago, when he moved to Essex. He had been Commissioner of Highways and School Trustee. He is survived by his widow and two sons, both real estate brokers, Dudley F. of Yonkers and Edward of Mount Vernon. The Valentine house served as headquarters for George Washington for a short period.

Obituary Notes.

HOFFMAN ROGERS, a retired merchant, 66 years old, died yesterday at his home, 102 Madison Avenue, of heart disease. He is survived by two sons and a daughter.

WILLIAM T. WATERBURY, an old-time steamboat Captain, died at his residence, 39 Hoyt Street, Stamford Conn. He was 69 years old. Mr. Waterbury was a member of a family which dates back to the settlement of Stamford. For years he was Captain of Long Island Sound steamers. He is survived by a son and two daughters.

Dr. **PETER WINDT BRAKLEY**, aged 68 years, a resident of Dunellen, N. J., since 1870, died at his home in that place yesterday. He was born at Belvidere, N. J., and after being graduated from Princeton University took a medical course at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in the class of 1869. He served as Mayor and Postmaster of Dunellen. At the time of his death he was Vice President of the Middlesex County Republican Committee, Vice President of the Dunellen National Bank, and a member of the New Jersey Medical Society.

Dr. **J. M. BRITTAIN**, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., and one of the best known ministers in Georgia, was found dead in bed at his home in that city, Sunday. Death was due to heart disease. Dr. Brittain was sixty-nine years old and was a Confederate veteran.

ELI TRICKETT, founder of the great knife making industry at Walden, N. Y., died there yesterday morning, aged seventy-three. He was a native of England.

ELMER E. COVERT, a well-known advertising manager of Trenton, N. J., died at his home yesterday of hemorrhages of the brain.

Dr. **WILLIAM K. KIRBY**, a prominent physician of Providence, R. I., was stricken with apoplexy in his office yesterday and died almost immediately. Dr. Kirby was born in Springfield, Mass., forty-two years ago. He was formerly treasurer of the Providence Baseball and Polo Clubs.

JULIA LAWTON KENDRICK, wife of John R. Kendrick, a publisher of Philadelphia, is dead at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. G. Hoban, 200 West Eighty-sixth Street. She was a cousin of Gen. A. R. Lawton of Savannah, who was at one time Minister to Austria and Quartermaster General of the Confederate Army. Her husband is a nephew of Dr. J. Ryland Kendrick, once President of Vassar College. She is survived by three sons.

FREDERICK WILLIAM BENNETT, of the firm of J. K. Armsby & Co., wholesale grocers of Hudson Street, died on Saturday at the Hotel St. George, in Brooklyn. He was sixty-two years old and was born in Yonkers. His wife and two daughters survive him.

SAMUEL WILLIAMSON, who had been a complaint clerk in the Magistrates' Courts in this city since their organization in 1895, died on Sunday at his home, 134 West Thirty-first Street. He was fifty-two years old. Mr. Williamson had served in all the Magistrates' Courts of Manhattan and his last post was at the Jefferson Market Court where he had been stationed for six months. Mr. Williamson leaves a wife and one son.

J. FRED. CRANE of 47 Brevoort Place Brooklyn, died on Saturday in a railroad station at Philadelphia of heart disease. Mr. Crane was a manufacturing jeweler. He was born in 1857 and was unmarried.

HENRY EPPIG, principal stockholder in the Eastern Ice Association of Far Rockaway, died on Saturday at his home, 685 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn. He was the son of the late Leonhard Eppig, a Brooklyn brewer. He was a member of several Germanic societies and was 50 years old.

EDWIN H. COFFIN, JR., died Sunday at St. Mary's Hospital, Brooklyn. He was an officer of the Brooklyn Riding and Driving Club and of the Union League Stables. His home was at 453 Lafayette Street, Brooklyn, and he was 48 years old. A widow, two daughters, and one son survive him.

PHOEBE E. JOHNSON, daughter of William Durland, once Sheriff of Queens County, died on Friday at her home in Jamaica at the age of 68. Mrs. Johnson belonged to an old Long Island family and leaves five children.

EDWARD R. SHIPMAN, a retired grain merchant, died on Sunday at his home, 123 St. John's Place, Brooklyn, of heart disease. He leaves a wife and three sons.

EMILY CLARK CHARLES, widow of George E. Charles, founder of the grocery business of Charles & Co., died suddenly on Sunday at her home, 520 Madison Avenue. She was active in church and charitable work in this city and was a member of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Charles was born in Ireland seventy-three years ago. Two sons and a daughter survive her.

BAYARD GOURAUD, a Captain of the Seventeenth Lancers, English Army, and well known in New York, died on Friday at Aden. Capt. Gouraud was a brother of Jackson Gouraud, a song writer, who was married in 1901 to Mrs. Henry M. Gillig, formerly Miss Amy Crocker of San Francisco. Capt. Gouraud was born in America, the third son of Col. George Edward Gouraud, a cavalry officer of American birth.

SARAH A. O'REILLY, widow of Edward H. O'Reilly, died on Saturday at her home, 125 West Ninety-fifth Street. She was fifty-seven years old.

ELIZABETH PERRY VINTON, eldest daughter of the late Rev. Francis Vinton, D. D., of New York, died on Sunday at her home in Pomfret, Conn. She was the granddaughter of the late Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry of Newport.

LOUIS A. LE BAILLY, for the last six years the New York representative of the California Wine Growers' Association, is dead at his home, 396 Riverdale Avenue, Yonkers. He was 64 years old. A wife, four sons, and three daughters survive him.