

Hon. Curtis Nash Wilcox  
died April 5, 1874  
Meridian, ms  
War Mayor at time  
of death

Hon. C. N. Wilcox  
Tushmataha, Ala.  
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The solitude of the Sabbath disturbed by the sad intelligence received at an early hour this morning of the death of the Hon. C.N. Wilcox, Mayor of the City of Meridian and the solemnity of his remains accompanied by a band of mourners and friends for interment in the cemetery of the Episcopal Church of this town. The body was committed into the hands of Choctaw Lodge No. 107 and was by request at 3:00 O'clock P.M. buried in Masonic Order, U.S. Worn Presiding.

When the earth opens to receive that mortal part which she gave to man, it is only satisfying the mandate of Heaven in proud spirit and to enable to feel his utter helplessness "Dust thou art and unto dust thou shall return."

Man comes forth upon the stage of action from infancy to childhood to manhood and from manhood to the grave. His life is one checkered scene, prosperity and adversity trials and tribulations sickness and health, sorrowing and rejoicing, frowns and smiles, promises and rewards are his daily and hourly companions and while walking along lifes pathway meeting the varied hues of light and darkness ever and anon cheered by the radiant beams of hope, his head pillowed upon the principles of faith, his eyes look upward and sparkle with eternal Love; the essence of charity and long for sweet repose promised the faithful in Christ.

In this pilgrimage, nothing but "pure and undified religion harmonized with humanity, by the transquiclizing influences of the Spirit of God, scen ever guarantee to us a sure passport to Heaven. And thus along lifes journey has our brother passed. In the early organization of Choctaw County, he stood as an able advocate for principles of justice and honor. He remained a citizen with us for many years and ever filled a public office, none can boast of a career more brilliant.

We dare not, nay, ----- claim for him, -----(lost on fold of paper) ----- but this we do claim that as a husband he was forbearing and gentle, as a parent kind and gentle, affectionate, as a citizen, true and faithful; and as a Mason a dent and zealous. Such was his love for the Masonic Order and its principles that he steadily and firmly plodded his way until he arrived at the acme of Ancient Craft Masonry ever vindicating its truth and practicing it precepts.

Long will his name and worthy deed live in the memory of numbered friends. Let us veil his faults with mantle of charity and indulge the sweet remembrance of his aimable character that clustered around his life.

Our brother is gone. He walks no more the path of life. His voice is hushed in death, he controls no longer the destinies of earth, but has passed the dark portals of death and entered upon an ascending existence. "From whose bounds no traveler has ever returned". While we bow with humble submission to this dispensation of Providence we indulge the fond hope that his soul is at rest in the Spiritland, where chooral seraphs mingle their voices in swelling anthems of praise.

We tender our condolence to surviving relatives and especially surviving relatives and to his dear children do we offer a helping hand and mingle our tears of grief with theirs and pray that they may be guided by Divine Wisdom in all the paths of life and ever find in us, (as Masons) friends in every time of need.

Trust in God, signed by J.D. Ryan  
J.H. Knighton  
M.K. Moody

The foregoing was read and adopted by Choctaw Lodge No. 107 at her regular communication in April 1874 with the request that a copy of the same be sent to the family of the deceased and that the Choctaw Herald and Meridian Mercury publish same,

signed W.S. Horn, W.M.

CURTIS WASH WILCOX: brother of PAPA (William Dade Wilcox); grandfather of Lee Beannette Wilcox Barbour (MERE); Great Grandfather of Sara Barbour Wilson (MAMA); Great Great Grandfather of Elizabeth Wilson Covan; Great Great Great Grandfather of Mary Wilson Covan, Jr. (SO)