

SUMMONS OF DEATH FOR JOEL W. KERR
Prominent As Local Grain Dealer and Noted for His Integrity
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Joel W. Kerr, s/o John Harvey & Mary Kerr

Best-known grain dealers in the South, died yesterday afternoon at his home, 919 Fatherland Street. Mr. Kerr had been in failing health for some time, but his death came suddenly as a result of heart trouble, and was a shock to his friends, and business associates. He was 57 years of age and up to the time his health became impaired was one of the most active of Nashville's business men.

Mr. Kerr is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Cordelia Farmer of Putnam County; one brother, S. S. Kerr, of this city; and two sisters, Mrs. W. R. Ford of Elmwood and Mrs. Luther Fitzpatrick of Chestnut Mound.

Prior to his entry into the grain business, Mr. Kerr was a commercial traveler, representing a large Nashville house in the upper Cumberland section, and no traveling man in that part of the country was ever better known, or more fully enjoyed the confidence and esteem of those with whom he dealt. Some ten years ago he gave up traveling and opened an office in this city, dealing extensively in grain. In this new field he achieved marked success, his business steadily growing as he became known to the trade; for he soon acquired a reputation for integrity, honesty and fair dealing that won him friends and patronage. These characteristics were notably exemplified in every feature of his business. He was a member of the Nashville Grain Exchange.

Mr. Kerr was a member of the Methodist Church and was a devout Christian, modest and unassuming, but active in every line of church work and every movement for moral and social uplift. He was also a Mason.

The funeral was held this afternoon at the residence, services being conducted by the Rev. T. A. Mulloy, pastor of the East End Methodist Church. Interment was at Mt. Olivet cemetery, with Masonic honors.

The following served as pallbearers: Active – Frank Cooper, Charles Booth, Herman A. Vantrease, Sam Allen, John C. Bennett and E. C. Hawkins.

Honorary: I. T. Rhea, R. H. Lee, J. H. Bell, W. R. Cornelius, Sam Polk and Andrew Mizell.

*See Kerr files at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>

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BUFFALO VALLEY: John Kerr and bride have returned from Shawneetown, IL.