

Olympia Daily Recorder

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(Olympia Daily Recorder, March 20, 1911)

REV. MASSEY, FORMER LOCAL PASTOR DIES

Word has been received in the city of the death in Tacoma of Rev. R.H. Massey, a retired minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Massey is well known in this city, having resided here for a number of years since retiring, and during his active service he was for a number of years pastor of the Tumwater Methodist church.

Rev. Mr. Massey has been failing for a number of years, due to his advanced age, and with his wife and daughter, moved a short time ago to Tacoma, where the daughter, Miss Barbara Massey, is a student at the University of Puget Sound. They were residents of this city for a number of years, making their home on Puget street near San Francisco street while Miss Massey was a student in the Olympia High school. Following her graduation about two years ago the family moved to Tacoma. Although Rev. Mr. Massey has not been an active minister for a number of years he has remained a member of the Western Washington conference and has a great many friends among the clergy of the state.

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AGED COUPLE BURNED OUT OF TUMWATER HOME

The residence of W.N. Nulton of Tumwater was almost completely destroyed by fire last evening about 10 o'clock, the flames doing about \$1,000 damage. This is covered by \$600 insurance. The fire started in the second story from a defective chimney and as no apparatus could be called, the young men and boys who gathered to fight it could do nothing but save the furniture of the first floor. That on the second floor was destroyed.

There was no water available, the house being on the hill, and the firefighting was done with hand buckets. The house burned rapidly, the flames shooting high into the sky, and were plainly visible from this city. The house was owned by Clarence Nulton, the cigar stand dealer, and was occupied by his grandparents.

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TUMWATER PIONEER SINGS SONG, DEATH STILL APPLAUSE

While a big audience was clapping and cheering his singing of "My Old Cabin Home," David T. Wilson, aged 70, a well known resident of Tumwater, was stricken and died from heart trouble at the Tumwater school house Saturday night during an entertainment in which he had taken a prominent part.

Mr. Wilson was down on the program for a song in Gaelic and when he had finished this was called back for an encore. Sitting at the organ and playing his accompaniment he sang "My Old Cabin Home," pausing several times to catch his breath.

"I'm rather tired tonight," he said as he took his seat near the front for the second time. The applause which followed was suddenly hushed when Mrs. W.E. Bowman, daughter of Mr. Wilson, noticed that her father had fainted and ran toward him screaming "Papa, Papa."

Superintendent L.A. Kibbs and B.A. Vanderveer, who were in charge of the program, hurried the old man to an open window and he passed away in their arms before outside help could be secured. The body was tenderly carried to the home of Mrs. Bowman, where Mr. Wilson lived.

Mr. Wilson came to this county about 17 years ago, making his home on Bush Prairie, where he ranched. When his wife died a little less than a year ago he came to Tumwater and made his home with Mrs. Bowman. He is survived by four children, Mrs. Bowman, and three sons, one Henry, foreman of a mine at Burnet; William, who is a conductor on the Northern Pacific out of Tacoma, and a third son residing in California.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Tumwater Baptist church.