

[Servis, Silas A.]

DEVELOPED RESORT AT MANITOU BEACH
Silas A. Servis, Business Man, Is Buried

The funeral of Silas A. Servis, member of the firm of Matthews & Servis, tobacconists and wholesale liquor dealers at No. 46 State street, and long a business man in this city, was held yesterday from the home, No. 21 Fulton avenue. The services were in charge of Monroe Commandery, Knights Templar, of which Mr. Servis was a member, assisted by Rev. Arthur W. Grose, pastor of the First Universalist Church, of which Mr. Servis was a member. A quartette, composed of John Singleton, D. Cameron Shutt, C. V. Lansing and John Laurel, sang at the funeral. The bearers were the following members of Monroe Commandery: Fred Allen, C. H. Carson, Fred Battershill, Griff D. Palmer, George Michaelson and Ralph T. Olcott. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Mr. Servis was born in Cornwall, Canada, on December 28, 1847. He came to Gates with his parents, John and Sarah Servis in the spring of 1865 and they settled at what is now the intersection of Arnett boulevard with Thurston road. In his youth Mr. Servis worked in nurseries in the city; later he entered the employ of James Mathews, who kept a cafe in the Powers building. In 1874 Mr. Servis and Mr. Mathews formed a partnership and conducted a business of the same character in a building just east of the Powers Hotel. Later the business was moved to what is now the site of the Duffy-Powers store.

The partners purchased a farm and developed it into the resort now known as Manitou Beach. They ran a hotel there which they later sold.

Mr. Servis was active in sports. He belonged to rifle, fishing and driving clubs, and frequently took part in horse-racing meets and shooting contests. In one contest, about twenty-five years ago, Mr. Servis and a Dr. Rider were chosen from among several prominent marksmen to shoot the final contest for a silver trophy. The shoot was held in Exchange street, near the canal and was won by Mr. Servis. Mr. Servis was active in Masonic circles and attained the thirty-second degree.

Mr. Servis leaves three brothers, M. Edwin Servis, J. Hillyard Servis and William S. Servis, all of this city.

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