

# HIGHEST DEGREE MASON DIES SUN- DAY MORNING

**John G. Jones, Old Resident of Chicago and Well Known Attorney, Passes Away After Long Illness—Noted Character in City's History.**

John G. Jones, Imperial Potentate of the World, the highest position in Masonry, died at his residence, 3717 Federal street, early Sunday morning after an illness that had confined him to his home for about a week. Mr. Jones had been ill for two years, and sought medical aid in Europe. Two weeks ago his limbs began to swell but he did not give up until Wednesday.

Mr. Jones was a lawyer by profession and as such was one of the most noted characters in the city. He made a specialty of criminal cases, and, being a man of quick temper, he resented any difference of opinion and thereby won the sobriquet of "Indignation," and as "Indignation Jones" he was familiarly known. The degree of Imperial Potentate was conferred on him during the World's Fair by the Potentate from Australia. His office gave him jurisdiction throughout this country, Africa and the Isles of the Sea, authorizing him to confer the Shriners degree. Friction arose and there was a split in the Grand Lodge of Masons, Mr. Jones being recognized by one faction and not by another. He was one of the early members of the Illinois Legislature, and the father of the civil rights bill that has been amended from time to time by his successors. Funeral services were held at his late residence Wednesday afternoon. Adelbert H. Roberts was master of ceremonies. Rev. J. C. Anderson, pastor of Quinn Chapel church, was the officiating clergyman. The other speakers were W. Allison Sweeney, Edw. H. Morris. The pall bearers were S. B. Turner, W. H. Davis, Walter Farmer, James Brewington, Benjamin Johnson, Albert Morgan. Interment was at Oakwood Cemetery.