

First Male of Our Race Born in City Dead



CASSIUS J. KING

Cassius Jones King, the first male member of our Race to be born in Chicago, is dead. He passed away Sunday evening at the residence of Mrs. Dora Ward, 2666 Park Ave., after a brief illness.

Mr. King was 77 years of age, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison W. King. He was born in 1847 on the corner of Harrison St. and Old Fourth Ave. Shortly after his birth his parents moved to Alton, Ill. After a short stay there, they returned to Chicago. In 1866 he was graduated from high school, being the only one of our Race in the class. He married very young to Miss Gertrude Johnson of Detroit, Mich., who died last October, after 54 years of married life. During his early life he taught school in Arkansas. In October, 1871, after the Chicago fire, he returned home, where he became engaged in the Jones cleaning and dyeing business. Since that time he has worked as an employee of the railroad, club-houses, and the John P. Steward Tobacco Co., where he was employed at the time of his death. He had been pensioned by the latter firm.

Mr. King was well known in fraternal circles and was the last past master and charter member of the John Jones Order of A. F. and A. M. He was a member of St. Thomas' Episcopal church.

The deceased is survived by a nephew, Robert A. Sampson, of La Porte, Ind., and Mesdames Mattie White, Emma Singleton of Springfield, Ill., and Levenia Lee of Berkeley, Cal.

The body was shipped to Detroit, Mich., for burial beside that of his wife.