

W.F. WILLSON::: Fort Erie Ontario. from Times Review.

Mr. Willson , Fort Erie business man who has lived here for nearly all of his seventy five years; died following an accident on No 3 Highway when his car struck a train..

Deceased has been in the Custom Brokerage business here since 1918; after he had resigned from the Customs and Excise Staff. He was prominent in social, business, and fraternal life, in the area. He was one of the original members of the Buffalo Peace Bridge Commission, now known as the Peace Bridge Authority, and was a member at the time of his death. He was a native of Bertie Township and a resident of Fort Erie for 40 years. He was a past Master of the Palmer Lodge and Fort Erie Masonic lodge, a past Grand Z of Hugh Murray Chapter: Royal Arch Masons: also a member of Hindoo Koosh Grotto Hamilton: and the Skottish Rite; holding the thirty second degree.

For many years he was active in Liberal politics, and had held important posts in the county and local organizations of that party.

Mr. Willson is servived by his wife Alice, by his two sons Capt. Ray Willson , and Harold engaged in the Customs Brokerage Business here: also two daughters, Mrs. E.M. Roker of Niagara Blvd. and Mrs. F.W.Chapman of Barrie.

## Grand Old Lady Miss J. Willson 86 Years Young

One of Fort Erie's grand old ladies, Miss Jennie Willson, on Friday, December 23, celebrated her 84th birthday, at the home of her brother, Mr. W. F. Willson, 28 Princess street. Although bedridden for the past eight months and constantly attended by a nurse, Miss Willson celebrated the occasion of another milestone in an eventful life very happily. In fact her good cheer and brightness amazes her many friends.

Many called to see Miss Willson during the day, and her room was a veritable bower of flowers, the gift of many friends. Specially attractive was a huge basket of flowers from St. Andrew's Ladies' Aid, of which she was president for nine years.

Miss Willson, an able organizer, was responsible for the organization of the Order of Eastern Star, the White Shrine of Jerusalem, and the Women's Liberal Association in Fort Erie. Blessed with executive ability in no small degree, she has been very active in numerous organizations, all of which remembered her with gifts on this occasion. Miss Willson was born in Thorold township in 1854, on a site which is now a part of the city of Welland. She was the daughter of the late Robert and Martha Willson, and she and her brother, W. F. Willson, are the only surviving members of four children born to that union. For several years she taught school and moved to Fort Erie about 40 years ago.

## BELOVED LADY DIES



Miss Jennie P. Willson

Active in church, fraternal and political organizations in Fort Erie for the past 40 years, Miss Willson passed away on Monday, after a lengthy illness, at the home of her brother, W. F. Willson, Princess street.

## JENNIE WILLSON BELOVED LOCAL LADY PASSES ON

Founder of Order of Eastern Star in Fort Erie, was active in politics and church work.

One of Fort Erie's best-loved ladies, Miss Jennie P. Willson, died on Monday, at the home of her brother, W. F. Willson, 28 Princess street, after a lingering illness. On December 23rd last Miss Willson had celebrated her 84th birthday, surrounded by her friends in a room full of lovely flowers sent to mark the occasion. Bedridden for the past nine months, Miss Willson retained her cheerful disposition till the last.

Miss Willson was born in Thorold township in 1854, a daughter of the late Robert and Martha Willson. The site on which she was born is now a part of the city of Welland. She came to Fort Erie about 40 years ago, having taught school for a number of years. She is survived by her brother, W. F. Willson, with whom she made her home.

Miss Willson was extremely energetic and was an organizer of no mean ability. She organized the Riverside Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, on February 18, 1920, and was the first worthy matron. She also organized the Queen Esther Shrine, No. 9, on November 21, 1921, and was high priestess for 18 months. She held other high offices in the shrine, including that of district deputy grand matron in 1925. She was a life member of the Riverside Chapter and Queen Esther Shrine, and was an honorary member of Hamilton Shrine No. 6, Welland Chapter, No. 47, Rosedale Chapter, No. 131, St. Thomas Shrine, No. 8, and Carillon Chapter, Ridgeway.

Miss Willson served for nine years as president of St. Andrew's Ladies' Aid, resigning in 1923, but retaining a very active interest in the organization.

She was an ardent supporter of the Liberal party and was the first president of the Fort Erie Women's Liberal Association, and vice-president of the Welland County Association. She was a life member of the Ontario Women's Liberal Association, and honorary president of two other Liberal groups.

Miss Willson was a charter member of Col. Kerby Chapter, I.O. D.E., and was also a member of the Douglas Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, from its inception. This record of her activities expresses better than words how much she will be missed in the community.

Funeral services, conducted by her minister, Rev. Hugh F. Davidson, of Knox Presbyterian Church, were held on Wednesday afternoon from the home of Mr. Willson. Pallbearers were Charles B. Willson, of Toronto; Arthur Willson, Welland; Ray F. Willson, Harold E. Willson and Carleton I. Willson, all of Fort Erie, and W. H. Sherk, of Ridgeway. Interment was made in the Ridge mausoleum, Garrison road.