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IN MEMORIAM.



J. C. DARST, M.W.S.E.
September 5, 1907.

John Clark Darst was born in Troy, Miami County, Ohio, in 1851. His father was Henry H. Darst, M. D., a prominent and respected citizen of the Miami Valley. His mother was a Clark. Her family have long been residents of the same locality. Mr. Darst's early life was spent in and about Tippecanoe, Ohio. From there his father's family moved to Toledo, Ohio, where Mr. Darst resided with his parents. He graduated at the Wesleyan College at Delaware, Ohio, in 1872, after which he spent a year at Harvard in special study. After finishing his education he became identified with the Smith Bridge Company, and in 1881 formed a copartnership with A. J. Sprague, H. A. Williams and Mr. Eckert, operating as the Massillon Bridge Works, of Massillon, Ohio. This was later incorporated as the Massillon Bridge Company, Mr. Darst being one of the principal stockholders and a director. Removing in 1883 to Chicago, he assumed the control and management of the western business for his firm and later for his Company, in which position he continued until 1900 when the New Toledo-Massillon Bridge Company was formed. Mr. Darst then disposed of his interests and formed the contracting firm of Darst and Hughes, of Chicago, Illinois, of which he was senior member. This business was later incorporated as

the Continental Bridge Company, of which Mr. Darst was Treasurer until the time of his death. During his business career Mr. Darst had charge of the construction of many notable structures in Illinois and adjacent states, among which were the Lake Street Viaduct; steel work for the First Regiment Armory; bridges at the World's Fair grounds, Chicago; State Street bridge at Rockford, Ill., Chicago Street bridge at Elgin, Ill., and many others.

He died leaving considerable estate. During his life he was always ready to help his friends, especially the young men. He was of a cheerful, happy disposition, and his many friends sincerely mourn his loss. He was noted for his loyalty and unswerving integrity.

Of his immediate family he leaves a sister, Mrs. Hyatt, of Toledo, and her three children, two sons and a daughter. Mr. Darst was active until the day of his death. He was stricken with hemorrhage of the brain and died in a few hours. He was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Toledo, Ohio, September 9, 1907, the burial services being conducted by the Toledo Commandery Knights Templar, of which he was a member for many years.

He became a member of the Western Society of Engineers, June 5, 1900, and was also a member of the Illinois Athletic Club.

(Signed) HORACE E. HORTON,
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