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Obituary

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FIRST HARDWARE DEALER IN MINNEAPOLIS, 83, DIES

Edgar Nash was one of the oldest Masons in Minnesota - Funeral Wednesday

Edgar Nash, 83 years old, territorial pioneer and one of the oldest members of the Masonic order in the state who in 1851 established the first hardware store in St. Anthony, now Minneapolis, is dead at his home 27 East Fourteenth Street. Born in Pen Yan [sic], N.Y. in 1832, Mr. Nash came west at the age of 19. In 1855 he married Virginia Bartholomew, daughter of General Robert [sic] L. Bartholomew. She died in 1907.

Mr. Nash was a member of the old Minneapolis volunteer fire department. When the Indian uprising occurred in 1862, he was one of the first to offer his services to the state. In 1869 he removed to Duluth from which city he was twice elected to the state legislature. Coming back to Minneapolis in 1873, he entered the wholesale hardware business.

He was a Knight Templar and Scottish rite Mason, and had missed only one meeting of the grand lodge in 41 years.

F.E. Nash, Mrs. W.M. Wright and Virginia B. Nash of Minneapolis, and Mrs. R. H. Wood of Mount Carroll, Ill., are surviving children.

Khurum lodge will conduct the funeral service at the residence at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, and the interment will be at Richfield, Minn.