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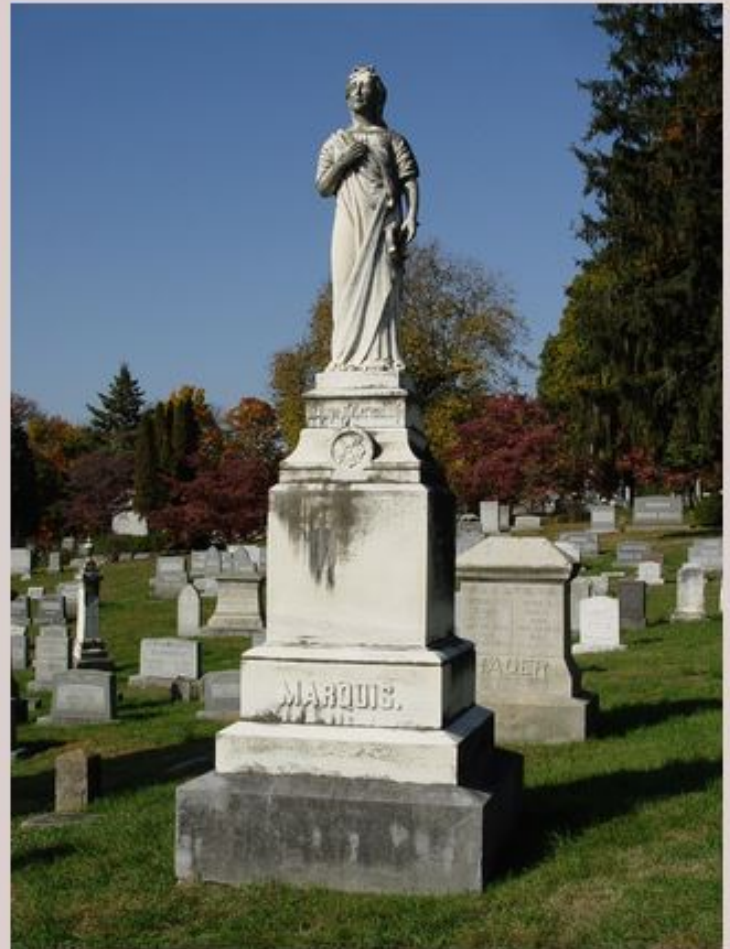
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Capt James C. "Jim" Marquis

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Capt. James C. Marquis Obituary
Died June 26, 1893
Obituary from Staunton Spectator

Unexpected death of Capt. Jas. C. Marquis
As but few knew that Capt. Jas. C. Marquis was sick and a less number knew that he was ill, the announcement of his death at 11:00 last Monday morning was a great surprise and shock to the community. He left here for Chicago on Wednesday, the 14th, but became sick on the way, and went to Elgin, Illinois, where he had friends. Finding that his condition was not improved, he resolved to return to his home, and reached here on Friday morning quite ill, and died on Monday morning. We quote the News:
Capt. Marquis has been several years a suffered from diabetes, and while weakened by other and slighter maladies, his constitution was not equal to the great strain upon it caused by the old affliction.
Capt. Marquis was a native of Winchester, and lacked a few months of being sixty-six years of age. He was a stone-cutter and marble artisan by trade and in his young manhood worked and lived at Greenville, Augusta County. About 1857, he came to Staunton and was a member of the firm of Marquis & Kelly, proprietors of a marble yard, and, with the exception of the



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marble yard, and, with the exception of the interval caused by the war and his occupation near Richmond for a time shortly thereafter, continued in that co-partnership, until 1871. Since then he alone had conducted the business.

Capt. Marquis marched to Harper's Ferry with the West Augusta Guard in 1861 as orderly sergeant, rose to the rank of lieutenant and served for about a year in that branch of the service. He then returned to Augusta County and organized an artillery company, composed of boys too young for conscription, of which he was made captain, and which, in his honor, was named the "Marquis Battery." These youthful soldiers became quite proficient in drill and discipline, and did good service, notably at the battle of Piedmont, where they suffered heavy loss. About six feet, three inches in height and well proportioned, the captain was truly an ideal soldier.

Since the war, Capt. Marquis by industry, shrewdness and frugality, has steadily prospered and had amassed a comfortable competency, invested in bonds, banks, and other stocks, and real estate, estimated by many who knew him well, at \$75,000. In 1880, he was elected to the city council from the second ward and served continuously until 1880. During a large part of his service he was chairman of the street committee, and his colleagues speak in high terms of his faithful and efficient discharge of his duties. He was prominent in the organization of the Thornrose cemetery association; was an untiring and successful worker for the enterprise and was at the time of his death, its president. He was a director of the Augusta National Bank, and of several building and loan associations and stock companies; was an active member of the building committee of the Methodist church, and was identified with other enterprises. He

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and was identified with other enterprises. He was a member of Stonewall Jackson camp, Confederate Veterans, and a member of the Masonic order.

He had no children, and is survived by his wife, whose maiden name was Caroline Blackburn, and one sister who is a resident of Ohio. He was highly respected as a man of good character, and as a successful man of business. He was a quiet, but wide awake citizen, and was warm-hearted and liberal to objects he deemed deserving.

The funeral, conducted by Rev. J.H. Boyd, Pastor of the M.E. Church South, took place from the residence No. 212 East Main Street, at 5:00 yesterday evening, and the internment was in Thornrose cemetery.

The following were the pall bearers:

Capt. Hugh M. Melhany, Major H.M. Bell, Arista Hoge, Robert W. Burke, Capt. Frank B. Berkeley, Jas. A. Templeton, Wm. Patrick and Isaac Witz.

RESPECT TO THE MEMORY OF CAPTAIN JAMES C. MARQUIS.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Thornrose Cemetery Company, June 27th, 1893, Major H.M. Bell, having been chosen Chairman, the following Memorial of Captain J.C. Marquis, deceased, late President of the Board, was offered by Major Jed Hotchkiss and unanimously adopted:

The Board of Directors of Thornrose Cemetery Company having learned, with profound regret, of the death of its President, Captain James C. Marquis, directs that there be spread on its records this testimonial of its high appreciation of the services of the deceased in his capacity as its presiding officer and as General Manager of the affairs of its Company. When Captain Marquis was elected President of Thornrose Cemetery Company, on the 23rd of April, 1881, its financial condition was very

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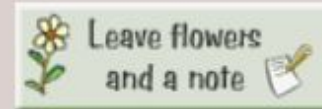
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April, 1881, its financial condition was very unsatisfactory and its property was in a deplorable condition. Now, largely in consequence of his able management during the past twelve years, all of its affairs and its properties are in a most satisfactory condition; the area of the Cemetery has been much enlarged and its condition every way improved, all the debts of the Company have been paid, and it has a handsome sum of money to its credit, besides other valuable assets.

The Directors record, with gratification, that during all these years Captain Marquis has given constant and unwearied attention to all the interests of this Company, serving without compensation than that which comes from knowing that he was faithfully serving his fellow citizens in so caring for and beautifying their cemetery as to make it a worthy resting place for their loved and honored dead and an object of civic pride.

Therefore, be it resolved, That this Memorial to Captain Marquis be spread upon the records on this Company and a copy of the same be sent to his surviving widow by the Secretary, and that it be published in the newspapers of the city; and that, as a further mark of their respect to his memory, this Board will, in a body, attend his funeral, at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Obituary from Yost's Weekly

Death of Capt. J.C. Marquis

Capt. James C. Marquis died at his residence on east Beverly Street, on Monday morning last, in the 66th year of his age. His health had not been robust for a year or more. He frequently complained of weakness, and an indisposition to physical exertion. He had been a very active man in business from his earliest manhood until the accumulations from his energies and business sagacity placed at his

energies and business sagacity placed at his command and a competency, which he rationally enjoyed and employed to a good purpose. On the 14th, with his wife, he started for Chicago, against the protest of his family, but he thought the trip would benefit him, as he would make it in easy stages. The first night he stopped over at Clifton Forge. The next night he remained in Huntington, where the attention of a physician was engaged. Thence he proceeded to Chicago, where his condition became so serious that he went to Elgin, to remain with Mr. Parrent, a son of his brother-in-law, Capt. J.T. Parrent, of this place. Not improving as rapidly as he desired, he determined to return to his home in Staunton. He arrived here on Friday, and was driven to his home, where his family physician was summoned.

His symptoms were unfavorable from the time he arrived here, and grew worse until death occurred on Monday. The primary cause of his illness was kidney and liver affection finally implicating his throat and tongue and producing a fatal result.

Capt. Marquis came to Staunton from Winchester, as foreman for a Mr. Fagan, who had established a marble yard here. Subsequently he, with Jno. Kelly, became proprietors of the establishment, which partnership continued until Mr. Kelly's death, since which time it has been successfully conducted by Captain Marquis himself. He was a gallant Confederate soldier, Commander of Marquis' battery, and at one time adjutant of a volunteer force commanded by Col. Jno. B. Baldwin. He had been a member of the city council, and chairman of the street committee, in which capacity he did much service for the city; was president of the Thornrose Cemetery Association, in which he took much interest, and to his enterprise and judgment is due largely the present beautiful

judgment is due largely the present beautiful burying grounds of the city; a director and stockholder in the Augusta National Bank and in several building associations and one of the building committee of the new Methodist church. Although not a member of the church, of late he had taken great interest in church work, and manifested sincere concern on the subject of religion. His contributions to the church, especially to the new and handsome edifice now being finished on Lewis Street, were large; he was also a liberal contributor to, as well as a valuable friend of the Wesleyan Female Institute. It was his purpose, as he expressed it to us, to connect himself with the church. For all practical purposes, he was a member of the congregation, and in this relation will be missed by the church.

Capt. Marquis was a man of excellent natural abilities. He was careful in his business methods, and by good judgment and provident habits had accumulated a handsome estate, estimated to be worth from \$100,000 to \$110,000. His business methods were shown in the condition of his business affairs. He probably did not owe a dollar, and had under his immediate control all his resources in as tangible a measure as it is possible for an estate of the size of his to be arranged.

Capt. Marquis married Miss Caroline Blackburn, youngest child of Capt. Thos. Blackburn, deceased, who was in his time one of the most capable and highly esteemed citizens of Staunton—an architect by profession. He leaves no children, and excepting his wife, only one near relative, a sister, who resides in Ohio. The funeral took place from his late residence on Monday evening at five o'clock, and was largely attended. Rev. J.H. Boyd, of the M.E. Church, a warm personal friend of the deceased, assisted by Rev. J.S. Gardiner, D.D., officiating, and the following gentlemen serving as pall bearers: Captain H.M. McIlhany, Major H.M. Bell, Arista Hoge, Ro. W. Burke,

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Thus has passed away one of Staunton's most prominent citizens—a man of commanding and robust form, whose early life was a struggle, and whose success was achieved by steady work and solid common sense. But just as his worldly affairs had been arranged for ease and comfort, the messenger of death came and summoned him hence, recking not of man's plans or purposes. We believe he was prepared to go, and that his end was peace.

Mrs. Dr. Waugh and daughter Nettie, of Harrisonburg, attended the funeral of Capt. J.C. Marquis on Tuesday.

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