

The week for a trip to Minnesota.

J. M. CHILES DIES AT HOME IN TOWN THAT HE FOUNDED

Funeral Service for Prominent Realtor to Be Held Today

James Madison Chiles, 55, who virtually founded the town of Kenilworth and at the time of his death was president of the Kenilworth Development Company, died at his home on Chiles Avenue yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, Rev. Dr. H. J. Bate-Church, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will be in charge of the service. Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Chiles was regarded as one of the foremost real estate and business men in Western North Carolina and his death came as a distinct shock to friends and relatives. Although he had been ill for several months, death came suddenly, following convulsions yesterday morning.

In the development of Kenilworth, regarded as one of the most beautiful residential sections in Western North Carolina, Mr. Chiles sought to have in the plans something that would forever stand as a monument to his efforts.

He had been in ill health for several years and had made repeated trips to Battle Creek and Hot Springs in an effort to regain his health.

Mr. Chiles was born at Troy, Greenwood County, South Carolina, June 15, 1870. He was married on February 16, 1914, to Miss Leah Arnold, of Auburn. He, Mrs. Chiles survives her husband. Two children, Richard, age seven and Arnold, age four, two brothers and four sisters also survive.

Mr. Chiles came to Asheville in 1908. At that time he was engaged in the furniture business and owned factories at Lenoir and Hickory, under the name of the Chiles Furniture Company. When he first came to this city he organized, with Charles A. Holt, who recently died, the United States Furniture Company. The plant was located on the present site of the Citizens Lumber Company. He entered the real estate business in 1910, selling his interest in the furniture factory to Mr. Holt. The land now included by the separate limits of the town of Kenilworth was purchased by him in 1912 and development was started. In 1914 he organized the Kenilworth Company, himself one of the largest stockholders, and began to build the present Kenilworth Inn, replacing a famous hotel destroyed by fire.

During the World War the large building was leased by the government and when it was turned back to the owner, a large sum was invested in renovating and improving the property.

Mr. Chiles was the first mayor of Kenilworth, and served until the last election. He owned real estate and had made substantial investments in North Carolina and in Florida.

Active pallbearers will be selected from those who have been associated with Mr. Chiles at Kenilworth. Honorary pallbearers will be Edward Holland, E. G. Hester, David Cook, of Statesville, Wallace B. Davis, J. G. Strickland, Judge James G. Adams, E. E. Reed, James H. Caine, Roland A. Wilson, R. A. Marvel and M. K. Zindel.

James H. Caine, Mayor of Kenilworth, stated last night that he is forced to leave this morning for a convention of Optimist Clubs, at Houston, Texas. Mr. Caine said that in the death of Mr. Chiles, Asheville and Kenilworth, especially the latter, has suffered an irreparable loss.

"Mr. Chiles," said Mr. Caine, "was ever a loyal friend, generous and kind hearted to a notable degree."

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