

Charles Heaton of Montpelier Is Dead At 90

**Oldest 33rd Degree Mason In
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Masonic Jurisdiction**

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MONTPELIER, March 9.—Charles H. Heaton, recorder emeritus of Mount Sinai Temple of the Shrine, the oldest 33rd degree Mason in the United States and dean of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States, died at his home here this evening after a short illness, although he had been in failing health for several months.

Mr. Heaton was able to attend the January ceremonial of Mount Sinai Temple, the first time he had been out for several weeks.

Mr. Heaton's Masonic career was as great as any man in the United States. He was a member of Aurora Lodge, F. & A. M., King Solomon Chapter and Mount Zion Commandery; a charter member of Rob Morris Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; and he also received all the degrees of the Scottish Rite. He was the last of the charter members of Mount Sinai Temple of the Shrine, having been its recorder since it was chartered in 1876 with the exception of one year, when he served as illustrious potentate, this record not being equaled by any Mason in North America.

Civic Service

He was a member of the board of selectmen of Montpelier, from 1884 to 1888, serving as chairman for two years, was a trustee of Heaton Hospital in this city for 30 years and had served as cemetery commissioner for many years.

Mr. Heaton, who was 90 years of age, died in the house in which he was born on November 2, 1844, the son of Homer and Harriet (Stearns) Heaton. He was married March 28, 1876, to Sarah L. Morse, who survives him. They celebrated their golden wedding six years ago and were approaching the 57th anniversary of their marriage. He also leaves two children, Clifton M. Heaton of this city and Mrs. George Marks of Burlington, and five grandchildren.

The funeral arrangements have not been completed.