

MR. WM. W. ARTHUR DIXON

Tacoma, Washington



Mr. Wm. W. Arthur Dixon was born in Columbus, Ohio, in 1878, and received his education in his native city. Leaving the city of his birth, he attended the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, Massachusetts, for two years. He remained in Boston until he conceived the idea to visit Panama, where for nineteen months he conducted a hotel. On his return to the United States he accepted an engagement with the Williams and Walkers theatrical company, and visited the principal cities in the country during the years 1902-3. In 1904 he came to the State of Washington and located in the city of Tacoma. In 1916 he was united in marriage to Miss Chong Ling. In 1917-18 he was manager of the dining room at the Olympus Hotel. For many years he was local editor for the Seattle Searchlight and The Enterprise.

In religion Mr. Dixon is a cosmopolite. He is Past Master of Cassia Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M., a member of Benni Hassan Temple No. 64, A. A. O. N. M. S. Toussant l'Overture Consistory, charter member of Pacific Coast Commandery Knights Templar, District Grand High Priest and organizer of Corinthian Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Past Noble Grand Puget Sound Lodge G. U. O. O. F., Past Exalted Ruler of Mt. Tacoma Lodge No. 142, I. B. P. O. E. of W., Vice-President of the Washington State Colored Republican Club, and a member of the Hop Sing Tong, a Chinese beneficial organization, the only one of our group who is so honored in the state.

He resides at 811-13 South 11th Street, Tacoma, Washington. His family consists of his wife (deceased), one son, Ray Marshall; two daughters, Virginia Francis and Vera Freda. Mr. Dixon recently served on the jury in Pierce county, and was elected as foreman in five different trials, one being that of J. Goodman, the evangelist who was charged with a serious crime. He is the only member of our group who has had the distinction of heading a white jury in Pierce county.

Mr. Dixon is broad-minded, alert and energetic and keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought and progress. His many substantial qualities, not the least of which is his social attributes, have won him warm friendship and good will among his many acquaintances.