

His first means of livelihood, when he entered, as a boy, the office of his father in the lumber business, was his constant commercial occupation until his death, at which time he owned and managed a large lumber plant in Bethany, which he had conducted for over a quarter of a century.

His indefatigable diligence in whatever he had to do is illustrated in the formation of the National Organization of Retail Lumber Dealers, of which he was one of the organizers in 1877 and President for two years, and in the enthusiastic, wise, efficient co-operation which he gave to every civic, commercial, charitable or political activity that appealed to him, and yet it is fair to say that from the time of his majority the great interest of his life and the greatest measure of his activity was first in fraternal and later on in patriotic and hereditary organizations, and in the study of their history and in the promotion of their interests.

At twenty-one years of age he became an Odd Fellow, and within five months was elected Secretary of his Lodge at Princeton, Mo.

In rapid succession he filled office after office of increasing honor and importance, serving and representing that fraternal organization in every department of its lodge and military activities.

He was a charter member of the Missouri Society of the Sons of the Revolution, organized in St. Louis, February 22, 1894, and at once became its Secretary, a position which he held continuously from that day until the time of his death.

In the subsequent formation of the Kansas City Chapter, organized on January 15, 1895, St. Joseph Chapter organized November 30, 1896, Springfield Chapter organized April 17, 1911, the St. Louis Chapter organized