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Mr. Titlow acquired the "Old Stone House" on the East National Pike in 1899 and a brick-on-his-Summer house. It is still the property of the family.

Mr. Titlow was an ardent Republican and twice represented the First Ward as city council. He served twice as president of the Stone Hotel Men's Association and once term as vice-president of the Hotel Men's Benefit Association of the United States.

In later years Mr. Titlow sold Hotel Titlow and operated the Hotel George in East Fayette street. At the same time he owned the Dodge Automobile Agency in the quarters now occupied by the Fayette Chevrolet company.

In addition to serving in City Council Mr. Titlow ran for sheriff of Fayette county and became known as the "short sleeve candidate" claiming he never donned a coat throughout the entire campaign. He was always an ardent lover of horses and at different times owned some of the best in the county. He granted the advantages of automobiles early in the industry and introduced "motor" travel in Uniontown in 1902. He was a member of the Volanteer Fire Department.

On June 12, 1889, he married Anna M. Barnes, daughter of Lawrence and Mary Burton of Wilmington, Del. Seven children were born to this union, all but three being deceased.

Mr. Titlow also donated the ground upon which the Uniontown hospital now stands and one of the state's finest horse farms. He was a great grandson of Jacob Beeson, one of the founders of Uniontown.

One of Mr. Titlow's most prized possessions was a model he received in 1915 for making a tractor during a demonstration. He also conducted the J. V. Thompson for Governor campaign.

**TITLOW** The **TITLOW**s of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, herein recorded, descend from George Titlow, a resident of Middletown, Maryland, and the progenitor of one of the old historic ones on the National Pike when the thoroughbreds was the great artery of the east and west. He was well to do, owning farming and other property. He married and left issue:

- (I) Flavious B., son of George Titlow, was born at Middletown, Maryland, died December 28, 1894, at Uniontown, Pennsylvania. He grew to manhood and was educated at Middletown, where he learned the tanner's trade. He was the first of his name to come to Fayette county, and has in his only family of the same name there. He followed his trade of tanner and was also a merchant. When the first railroad came to Uniontown he was appointed station agent and sold the first railroad ticket ever purchased in the town. He retained his position several years. He was buried on New Year's Day, 1897. He married Davilla Beeson, born 1850 who survives him, now in her eightieth year. She is a daughter of Henry, son of Jacob Beeson, who came to Fayette county in 1741, from Scotland. Children of Flavious B. Titlow: Henry B., Elizabeth V., married John H. Heckman, deceased; Anna B., George F., of whom father, Walter E., born July 13, 1867, died August 10, 1910.
- (II) George F., son of Flavious and Davilla (Beeson) Titlow, was born at Uniontown, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1864. He was educated in the public schools of that city, and from early manhood has been interested in hotel management and ownership in Fayette county. His first hotel experience was gained at the Youth House, in Conestoga, Pennsylvania, of which he was clerk from 1886 to 1888. He then assumed the management of the Hotel Marston, in the same town, continuing until 1889. He was a popular and successful landlord, and now gained an experience and developed an ambition to provide better hotel accommodations for his section, which until his arrival had been avoided by the traveling public as much as possible. In 1890 he came to Uniontown and purchased the Jennings House, paying for it the largest price ever paid for a hotel in Fayette county, \$40,000; later he bought the McClellan House, in Uniontown, rebuilt, remodeled and made it such an attractive profitable hotel property that in 1901 he sold it for \$90,000. In 1905 he was able to carry out a first-class plan and give to Uniontown a first-class modern, spacious European Hotel. He erected and opened for business that year the Hotel Titlow, of one hundred rooms, built at a cost of \$200,000, the largest, most costly hotel in the

Fayette county, and the first to be opened on European plan. The hotel is thoroughly modern and operated under Mr. Titlow's able management has gained a state-wide reputation. It is the established headquarters for the influential coal, coke, and steel men of the county who have such vast quantities of wealth invested in Fayette county, and also political headquarters for Southeastern Pennsylvania.

But the investment has been only one item of Mr. Titlow's activity and interest in the development of this city. He has added to its area Titlow's Addition and Titlow's Addition Annex, both popular residential districts. He has also in course of construction an up-to-date hotel house with swimming pool, Turkish and electric baths, hot and cold shower baths, an elegantly appointed building. His private summer residence in the "Old Stone House," situated right at a half mile east of Uniontown, on the Old National Pike, formerly a private and continuous stage tavern which in the halcyon days of the road was known as the Fayette Springs Hotel. It was built in 1812 by Andrew Stewart as a private residence, but two years later was opened as a public house until August, 1909, when it was purchased by Mr. Titlow, who, sparing neither pains nor expense, has converted it into a most handsome, stately home, certainly, with its surroundings, one of the most attractive residences along the "Pike." On the south side of the road opposite the house may be seen the only remaining original landmarks between Chambersburg and Wheeling it bears the following inscription: "R. D. LITTLE, '31 to Cambell."

An ardent Republican, Mr. Titlow has twice represented the First Ward as the city council, and there as everywhere his whole thought was the good of his city and the advancement of the public interest. He has always been active in the party and has entertained the last five governors of Pennsylvania when visiting Uniontown during their campaigns. He is widely known as his own state, and has twice been elected president of the Stone Hotel Men's Association, and has served as vice-president of the Hotel Men's Benefit Association of the United States, which gives an appreciative acquaintance extending far beyond state lines. He is a representative, forceful speaker, and has addressed audiences in Philadelphia, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle receiving most complimentary notices from the press. He stands shoulder to shoulder with the advanced progressive men of his city, and in season and out of season urges the advantages of Uniontown and Fayette county. He does not antagonize those whose moral principles conflict with the hotel business, but, with a rigid adherence to the ethics laws governing him, so conducts his business that they become his friends and welcome him. Although an ardent lover of the horse, and the owner at different times of some of the best in the county, he quickly saw the advantages of the new method of travel, and is one of the most enthusiastic of automobilists and the first to demonstrate that they could be used the entire year in all kinds of weather. He is a member of the City Fire Department, and was a strong advocate for the public fire station and ample buildings for the department use, also for the fine system of ward schools and high schools that has placed Uniontown in the front rank of Pennsylvania cities in educational advantages. He is liberal in his donations to all churches and to charitable organizations. His own favorite sports are hunting and fishing, but he never allows them to get in the way of his educational advantages. He is liberal in his donations to all churches and to charitable organizations. His own favorite sports are hunting and fishing, but he never allows them to get in the way of his educational advantages. He is liberal in his donations to all churches and to charitable organizations. His own favorite sports are hunting and fishing, but he never allows them to get in the way of his educational advantages.

He was born June 12, 1889, Anna M., daughter of Lawrence and Mary Barnes, of Wilmington, Delaware, both born in Ireland. Children: 1. Mary, died in infancy. 2. George Flavious, born January 29, 1892. 3. Lawrence Barnes, born July 9, 1894. 4. Margaret, born July 27, 1896. 5. Ovella Fier, born July 3, 1900. 6. Frank Fuller, born September 30, 1902. died August 10, 1909. 7. Joseph, born November 18, 1906.

## George F. Titlow Victim Of Heart Attack Tuesday Retired Pioneer Hotel Proprietor Collapses In Henderson Law Office FUNERAL FRIDAY AT 3

George F. Titlow, pioneer hotel proprietor of Uniontown, dropped dead Tuesday afternoon, May 28, 1940, at 3:35 o'clock while conversing with former Judge Davis W. Henderson in the latter's office on the City Law Building.

Mr. Titlow came to Uniontown yesterday on the tenth anniversary of his wife's burial to visit her grave in Oak Grove cemetery. He was accompanied by a daughter, Mrs. Gray Woodward of Washington, Pa., with whom he had been making his home for the past five years.

After a visit to the cemetery Mr. Titlow and Mrs. Woodward came on into the city and made several business calls.

Apparently in the best of health and spirits Mr. Titlow called at the office of Attorney Russell Seely and then went to Judge Henderson's office. Mrs. Woodward waited in the car for her father.

After passing the time of day, Judge Henderson said "I inquired into his health. George said 'I've never felt better.' I asked him to have a chair but he said Mrs. Woodward was waiting down stairs and he only had a few minutes. I came in to insure you not to forget the Woodward residence in Washington on June 29." Judge Henderson, a cousin of the family, turned to his calendar to make a note of the date and Mr. Titlow, who had remained standing, fell to the floor "I heard his wife," Judge Henderson said. "But he was dead."

The body was removed to the Johnson mortuary chapel to be prepared for burial. Mr. Titlow is survived by a son, George, Jr., of Washington, and two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Robinson of Lockbrook, N. Y., and Mrs. Woodward of Washington, Pa. These grand children also survive. A sister Mrs. Anna Beeson Titlow resides at the Stone House.

The body will be taken to the Woodward home at 168 Lombard Avenue, Washington, Pa. This morning but will be returned to the Johnson Chapel Friday morning, arriving here about 10:30 o'clock. Funeral services will follow Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Johnson Chapel funeral home in Oak Grove cemetery.

Mr. Titlow celebrated his 76th birthday on January 31, 1940. He was born in Uniontown on that date in 1864, the son of the late Flavious and Davilla Beeson Titlow. He was educated in the Uniontown public schools and early in life became interested in hotel management.

His first hotel experience was gained at the Youth House in Conestoga, where he was a clerk from 1886 to 1888. He then assumed the management of the Hotel Marston in Conestoga until 1889.

Mr. Titlow was always a popular and successful landlord. In 1890 he came to Uniontown and purchased the Jennings House, paying the largest price.



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