

*Nashville Whig*, Wednesday, December 23, 1840

DEATH OF MR. GRUNDY

The Hon. Felix Grundy breathed his last at his residence in this city, at 4 o'clock, on Saturday afternoon... He died in the full possession of his mental faculties and with a calm resignation to the will of an overruling Providence. His remains were followed to the grave, in the city burying ground, Sunday afternoon, by an immense train of his fellow-citizens, many of whom had been his friends and neighbors for more than a quarter of a century. The funeral sermon – a most impressive and appropriate discourse – was delivered in the Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. G. was a member, by the Rev. John T. Edgar. The deceased was buried with Masonic honors, the solemn ceremonies of the order being conducted by the Rev. J.T. Wheat, Rector Christ Church.

*Nashville Union*, Thursday, December 24, 1840

REMAINS OF JUDGE GRUNDY

On Sunday at 3 p.m. the remains of the Hon. Felix Grundy were removed from his mansion-house to the Presbyterian Church where an immense concourse our citizens had congregated to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of that distinguished man. The church, though spacious, was not sufficiently large to accommodate more than two-thirds of those in attendance. The orchestra was exceedingly felicitous in the dirge and the anthem for the occasion.

We never heard Dr. Edgar so happy in manner and matter. His closing exhortation was truly beautiful, replete with the finest points of composition and oratory. About half past four, the service closed, and the citizens in carriages and on foot joined the Masonic procession, and accompanied the hearse to the burial spot about a mile and a half distant. Notwithstanding the lateness of the hour, and when it was known that they would be compelled to return under the darkness of night, the procession was a mile in length; and upon the countenances of the multitude was to be seen the gloom of real sorrow. Arrived at the grave, the body was interred with the ceremonials peculiar to the Masonic Order, the Rev. Mr. Wheat officiating as chaplain. The deep and unfeigned solemnity of the occasion surpassed anything of the kind we have ever witnessed... [Note: Rev. John T. Wheat was the second rector of Christ Church (Episcopal)]

Cumberland Lodge No. 8 Free & Accepted Masons

Funeral of Bro. Felix Grundy. Called Meeting December 20, 1840

The Lodge Opened in the third degree when the M.W. announced the decease of Bro. Felix Grundy and stated that the lodge was convened for the purpose of attending the Remains of our deceased Bro. to the Grave. The Lodge called from labor to refreshment until 2 O'clock p.m.

At 2 O'clock the lodge convened and the regular Officers being present together with the M.W., George Wilson G.M. & Rev. Bro. J. T. Wheat, G. Chaplain, and a large number of members & visitors, a procession was formed to the residence of the Deceased and thence to the Presbyterian Church and thence to the place of interment where the remains were deposited with the usual solemnities. The procession then returned to the Hall & the Lodge was called from refreshment to labor and the following Resolution was unanimously Adopted Viz.

Resolved that the members of this lodge wear the usual Masonic mourning for thirty days in token of their respect to the memory of our deceased Bro. Felix Grundy. The Lodge was closed in due form and Harmony. N.S. Anderson, Sec'y      John L. Dashiell, M.W.

[Note: M.W.~ Most Worshipful; G.M. ~ Grand Master. [Cumberland Lodge Minutes. Microfilm 433. Reel 1 Volume IV. TSLA]