

Mr. T. N. Aguilar Died Yesterday

Was For Many Years One
Of City's Leading
Businessmen.

SUCCESSFUL LIFE.

Buried At Half-way Tree.
Funeral Yesterday Very
Largely Attended.

FULL OF YEARS of successful business activity, estimable benevolence in the treatment of his fellows, genial sporting participation in turf activities, and withal a lover of the quiet of his home, Thomas Newton Aguilar died at his residence, 11 West King's House Road, early yesterday morning. He was in his eighty-seventh year.

A venerable link with the past has been severed by Mr. Aguilar's death. The sight of his erect figure going the business rounds of the city, or mingling with the crowd at races belied his years; and his company was at all times sought by those who enjoy good conversation, the wealth of experience which he possessed and the sound advice which he never failed to give.

Some idea of the diversity of business activity in which Mr. Aguilar was engaged can be gained from knowledge of the organizations which he assisted in leading. Besides being the head of the firm which bears his name, a firm which has been in existence for over half a century, he was Chairman of the Victoria Mutual Building Society, a director of the Gleaner Company, a director of the Jamaica Mutual Assurance Company, a director of the Jamaica Biscuit Company, and chairman of the People's Discount and Deposit Company.

On all these bodies of businessmen he was respected as well for his business acumen, as for his broad humanity.

HIS CAREER

Mr. Aguilar was born in Westmoreland on January 7, 1851. He had one daughter, now Mrs. Cridland, by his first wife. Widowed over forty years ago, Mr. Aguilar married again taking as his wife an Englishwoman, Miss Bastian, daughter of Captain Bastian. She has survived him.

Mr. Aguilar started business in Kingston while yet young and although he did not meet smooth sailing at all times, persevered and succeeded. The firm of Aguilar's which he founded has now been in existence for over fifty years and the influence of its founder spread to far wider fields in business.

A well travelled man, Mr. Aguilar has the distinction of being about the only person resident here who had visited England forty times. Besides, he has travelled Europe and North and South America.

In racing, Mr. Aguilar was a well known figure. Thirty years ago he was racing Ace of Spades with moderate success, and in more recent memory he has had such fine racers as Hawthorne Bloom, owned jointly with Mr. Harold Bolton—his bosom friend and a member of 'the three musketeers' (M. M. Alexander, Harold Bolton and T. N. Aguilar)—and Gay Bachelor. Later still he succeeded with Ferryman in spite of the fact that it met abnormally fine horses to compete with. Diaphonella and Wat Water are the two chief horses that uphold the tradition of the Aguilar stables today. He was a member of the Jockey Club of Jamaica.

Mr. Aguilar was a staunch member of the Methodist church. In his younger days he was a member of the Coke Church and sang in its choir for a number of years.

His generous and charitable acts are well known though the retiring disposition of the man and his lack of ostentation did not encourage publicity as to his generosity.

He was one of the senior Justices of the Peace for Kingston.

He is survived by three sons—Messrs Vincent, Andrew and Everard Aguilar; two daughters, Mrs. Cridland and Mrs. Eric Halliday.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY

The whole business community was upset by the news of his death yesterday. It was known that he had been ailing since his recent visit to England at the time of the Coronation, and that since last week his condition had grown worse, but his death yesterday morning was nevertheless a surprise.

General regret was expressed and flags were flown at half-mast at several business houses, including the Gleaner Company (of which he had been a Director for many years).

There was a very large attendance at the funeral yesterday afternoon, a long procession of over a hundred cars following the cortege from the home to the St. Andrew Parish Church cemetery where the body was laid in the family vault.

He was given a Methodist funeral, the service at the home being conducted by the Rev. J. Leslie

Webb; at the St. Andrew Parish Church by the Rev. Wilfred Easton; and at the vault by the Rev. R. E. R. Wade.

The pall bearers were Messrs Vincent Aguilar, Winston Aguilar, Sidney Aguilar, Everard Aguilar, Andrew Aguilar and Walter Aguilar; Mr. Ronald Thwaites also assisting at the house.

Members of the family at the funeral, in addition to those named as pallbearers, were; Mrs. T. N. Aguilar, Mrs. Brownell, Mrs. Sorapure, Mr. A. O. W. Aguilar and Mrs. Nellie Aguilar.

Wreaths plentiful and exquisite were laid on the vault by and on behalf of business organizations, relatives and hosts of friends and admirers.



IN THE CORTEGE

Among those who attended besides the immediate family were the Hon. Sir Alfred d'Costa, Kt., Hon N. B. Livingston, Hon. G. C. Wainwright, O.B.E., Mr. Herbert G. deLisser, C.M.G., Hon W. M. Fraser, I.S.O., Hon George Seymour Seymour, O.B.E., and Mrs. Seymour Seymour, Mr. Lewis Ashenheim, Mr. Michael DeCordova, Mr Cecil DeCordova, Col. H. M. Burke,

Messrs H. D. M. Orrett, A. K. Butler, C. Hastings Dent, J. C. Hatten, L. J. Stone, T. P. Evelyn, J. W. Whiting, W. C. Sorapure, E. Smith, Alex. Burke, L. Melhado, O. K. Henriques, Cyril Melhado, Cover, Enos Davidson, W. S. Ashman, H. Latrielle, J. H. Cargill, M.B.E., J. Blennerhasett, G. R. Orrett, C. R. M. Orrett, G. C. Livingston, A. H. Neale, W. Torrie, F. V. Lumb, B. Koth, Leshe R. Mordecai, R. Matcham, S. Graham, E. A. Barham, E. B. Nethersole, L. J. Fogarty, Major Michael DeCordova, M.B.E., Messrs J. Rainsing, A. Fisher, Altamont Dolphy, Abraham Dolphy, Thoywell Henry, A. C. Murray, H. V. Alexander, Bobby Alexander, H. S. Samuel, snr., Dan Samuel, E. S. Pixley, H. H. Dunn, J. S. Webster, R. B. Barker, L. J. Feurtado, Alan O. Ritchie, G. A. Forbes, Dr. C. Levy, Dr. J. Mosely, Dr. Alan Harty, Messrs C. K. Royes, L. Johnson, Cecil B. Facey, Lindsay P. Downer, P. A. Williams, I. Donalds, A. Phillibert, Inspector W. A. Orrett, Inspector E. G. Orrett, Messrs B. D. Magnan, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Cawley, Miss P. Hylton, Messrs S. C. Burke, Audley

Morais, Hiam Barrow, Frank Barrow, M. Heron, Alvin Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Phillips, Messrs George Desnoes, Harold Bolton, H. Warner Bolton, A. T. Grannum and Dr. I. C. Solomon.

Messrs Basil O. Parks, C. Randall, Roy Martinez, E. Williams, G. C. Gunter, H. Cox, J. Hylton, V. E. Manton, Owen Samuel, N. Fenton, Rev. I. Quallo, Messrs A. E. and A. C. Brandon, M. Greensword, Lionel DeMercado, E. A. Issa, Vin George, Henry Evelyn, Dr. Evelyn. W. Masterton, V. B. Myers, A. M. Bonitto, Frank Bonitto, Ken Cameron, A. W. Bourke, Horace Reid, H. Hylton, Frank E. Lyons, Bradshaw, R. L. Anderson and W. Myers. Messrs Charles Don, M.B.E., W. Alexander, Mahfood, John Crook, K. Davidson, T. K. Wint, L. Cathcart, C. A. Costa, Dr. H. H. and Mrs. Blair, Dr. C. L. Tavares, Mrs. R. E. R. Wade, Mr. and Mrs. R. Thwaites, Messrs W. Greensword, E. Curtin, J. Harrison, Miss Cox, Mr. and Mrs. C. Roberts, Messrs A. K. Williams, K. Berry, W. Hendricks, J. Valencia, L. Daley, J. Cridland, C. Colhurst, J. Grey, Mahfood and many ladies.



MR. THOMAS NEWTON AGUILAR.

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Mr. T. N. Aguilar

The death of Mr. T. N. Aguilar deprives the colony of one of its oldest possibly the oldest, of its men of business; of one who, up to four or five weeks ago, was actively concerned in affairs, attending meetings and boards and giving to them all the benefit of his wide and moderating experience. And as one looks back upon the past, reading the story of its commercial and similar institutions, it is borne in upon one how long Mr. Aguilar was connected with enterprises in Jamaica that have grown out of all proportion to what they were at the beginning and have been marked by signal success.

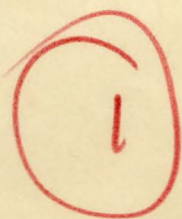
Take a single instance. Kingston and St. Andrew today, with other places in the island also, are lighted with electricity; we regard electric lighting as a necessity, indeed as a commonplace of our urban life. But it was not so when, over fifty years ago, Thomas Aguilar became one of a small band of pioneers to inaugurate electrical illumination here. He and they took what was in those times regarded as a risk, probably a foolish risk, with their capital; we know now that by showing pluck and initiative they were perfectly right. We doubt if a single man of those who were associated with Mr. Aguilar in the enterprise we have mentioned was alive yesterday when he passed away; he survived them all. He also survived many who were connected with him in many another business which long since won to success and were rendered possible by his financial assistance, even though his name might never be mentioned in public in relation to anyone of them.

For he was not of the type that loves publicity and pursues it. He was typically the reticent sort of businessman who thought carefully over what he proposed to do, but who went ahead resolutely when once he had made up his mind. He had a sort of sixth sense for the perception of likely ventures, and he followed this instinct of his; but he was also a hard worker, and the knowledge of practical affairs which he acquired in the course of a very long life was extraordinary. In

manner he was quiet, peaceful, courteous, conciliatory. But anyone who imagined that he could not be firm, even adamant, made a colossal mistake. When he said no, after considering any question, he meant what he said; he was not assertive, he did not argue, but he maintained his stand and that was that so far as he was concerned. But while those who only knew him in business relations might be well aware of all that we have written above, there was another aspect of his character which was only revealed to those who came into more intimate and personal contact with him. He was very sympathetic and just in dealing with the employed of the various institutions with which he was connected as a director; many a man and woman owed their increases of salary at least partly to his efforts. He would go out of his way to speak to his brother directors on behalf of these persons, asking for their support; and there cannot have been many instances in which he failed to obtain that support. He did not believe in the callous dismissal of workers, even if any of these had offended their employing companies. His voice was always on the side of forbearance and mercy; and if there was any man who displayed a different attitude he used to say: "No one will miss a man like that after he is dead." We know he said this, for the remark was made to the pre-

sent writer more than once by Mr. Aguilar himself.

It is impossible not to feel that he lived his life. He loved the work he had to do, his family, the people with whom he had established relationships enduring for many years. He went on annual trips to England; he took a keen interest in racing and at one time owned race-horses; he loved his ventures to succeed but he never was much perturbed if any of them went away. As he grew older, personal liking for him increased. He was always a welcome figure at any place at which he made an appearance, though these appearances became fewer as time went on. When, some



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