

Name	Birth/Death	Age	Range/Site
Rodier, Estelle E.	d. 14 Oct 1854	10 mo.	R26/191
Rodier. On the 14th instant, Estelle E. youngest child of P. Louis and Louisa M. Rodier, aged 10 months.			
Rodier, Jules A.	b. 1871 – d. 21 May 1963	91 yrs.	R38/220
Rodier. On Tuesday, May 21, 1963 at Prince Frederick, Maryland, Jules A. Rodier, husband of the late Bessie Otterback Rodier, father of Donald E. Rodier, John M. Rodier and Elizabeth R. Portner. He also is survived by 5 grandchildren. Friends may call at Gawler's Chapel, Wisconsin ave. at Harrison st., n.w. (parking on premises) after 1 p.m. Thursday, May 23 where services will be held on Friday, May 24 at 11 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.			
Rodier, Jules A. The members of Naval Lodge No. 4, F.A.A.M. are hereby notified of the death of Brother Past Master, Jules A. Rodier on Tuesday, May 21, 1963. Funeral services will be held at Gawler's Funeral Chapel, Wisconsin Avenue and Harrison st. n.w. at 11 a.m. Friday May 24, John Lockwood, Master, Roland M. Brown, Secy.			
<i>The Evening Star, March 23, 1963</i>			
<i>Jules Rodier, 91, Dies; Ex-Aide at White House</i>			
Jules A Rodier, who went to work at the White House as one of six employees and stayed for nearly half a century, died Tuesday in Prince Frederick, Md., his home for the last 12 years. He was 91. He joined the White House telegraph office in 1900, working in the attic of the mansion itself. But soon a large first family -- the Teddy Roosevelt's and all their children--made a separate staff office necessary. During those early days, Mr. Rodier recalled, there was but one telephone, and whoever was nearest when it rang answered, from domestic help to the President himself.			
An expert at decoding confidential messages, Mr. Rodier was an invaluable aide during two world wars and other international crisis and the death of President Harding. President Roosevelt offered him a life-time extension of service in 1941, but he retired under President Truman in 1949. Since then, however, he had attended nearly every White House Christmas party as the oldest living White House employee.			
Perhaps a portent of his long career at the Executive Mansion came when he was 10 years old. He shook hands with President Garfield then, the first of 14 Presidents he was to meet.			
A native of Washington, Mr. Rodier attended District schools and in 1885 went to work as a Western Union messenger boy, where he learned Morse code, advancing to telegraph operator. He worked at the United States Capital Western Union office from 1890 to 1900. A master of the Masonic Naval Lodge No. 4 in 1908, he remained active in Masonry until a few years before his death.			
He was the White House office chess champion and a fisherman. After his retirement, he moved to Chesapeake Bay, where he remained an avid angler. He traveled to Europe with his eldest grandson nine years ago. He leaves two sons, Donald E., of Atlanta, Ga., and John M., of Springfield, Md.; a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth R. Portner, of St. Leonard, Md., and five grandchildren. Services will be at 11 a.m. tomorrow at the Gawler Funeral Home, Wisconsin avenue at Harrison street, with burial at Congressional Cemetery.			
<i>History of the Naval Lodge, No. 4, F.A.A.M.</i>			
Jules A. Rodier, Master in 1908, was born in Washington, D.C., November 6, 1871, and attended the public schools through the sixth grade when, due to poor health, he was unable to continue his education. He later became a messenger for the Western Union Telegraph Company and when nineteen years of age became a telegrapher at the U.S. Capitol. After completing ten years at the Capitol he was transferred to the White House where he was head telegrapher up to the time of his retirement in 1949, having served under the administration of nine Presidents. In addition to his telegraphic duties at the White House he also served as a Code Expert. He was married to Miss Bessie B. Otterback November 9, 1905, and of this union there were three sons and one daughter, Jules B., Donald E., John M. and Mary Rodier. Brother Rodier was raised in Naval Lodge November 28, 1902; exalted in Washington Naval Chapter, No. 6, R.A.M., February 17, 1903, and served as High Priest in 1911. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Chapel, the Columbia Athletic Club and the Anglers Club. He is now living with his daughter at St. Leonard, Maryland.			
p. 245: In August 1953 the Master recognized Past Master Jules A. Rodier, who had recently returned from an extended tour in many European countries with his 13 year old grandson. Brother Rodier gave a talk on his interesting experience abroad.			
Rodier, Louis	d. 5 Nov 1903	22 yrs.	R4/87
Rodier. Suddenly on Thursday, November 5, 1903, P. Louis Rodier, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Rodier in the 23rd year Owing to illness of his mother the funeral service will be held at the home of his uncle, 75 Seaton street northwest, the time to be announced in tomorrow's Post.			

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Young Man Commits Suicide

Unexplained Act of Louis Rodier at Riverdale, Md.

A message was received by the police of the ninth precinct at an early hour this morning telling of the suicide, at Riverdale, Md., of P. Lois Rodier, whose parents live at 332 H street northeast. Rodier, who was a photographer, twenty-three years old, ended his life by shooting himself through the head. The deed was committed on the porch at the home of Mrs. McLeod, where, it is stated, Rodier had visited Mrs. Helmsen, her granddaughter. Magistrate Dahler was summoned to the house and he directed that the body be removed to the undertaking establishment of Mr. Gasch, in Bladensburg. An inquest will be held there tonight.

Persons interested in Rodier and the occupants of the house where the deed was committed declined to discuss the affair today. It is said that Rodier called at the house early in the evening and expressed a desire to see Miss Helmsen's brother, that he was told Mr. Helmsen would not return home until late and that he returned about 11 o'clock and, failing to gain admission, killed himself. Rodier had been in business at Culpeper, Va., recently.

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Developed At Inquest

Reasons Assigned for Suicide of Philibert L. Rodier

An inquest held over the body of Philibert Louis Rodier yesterday afternoon developed the circumstances under which the young man committed suicide at the door of the home of Miss Hazel Helmsen at Riverdale, Thursday night. A letter written by the young man before he left Culpeper, Va., where he was in business, was read to the jury. It was addressed to the press, and was as follows:

"Lost love is the cause of this mad act. I pick the home of the one I have loved as my place of self-destruction. While I am a little behind with my work, I have the brightest outlook I have ever had since in business for myself. The past year has been one of continual unhappiness and blues. Inhuman as I am I can't express my love for my mother and father. Both have treated me as a baby on account of my affliction, but their love can't console.

"This is all I have to say.

Respectfully,

"Philibert Louis Rodier."

The funeral of the young man took place this afternoon from the home of an uncle, 75 Seaton street northwest. On account of the illness of Mrs. Rodier the body was not taken to the family home on H street northeast.