

Name	Birth/Death	Age	Range/Site
Utermehle, George W.	d. 16 Apr 1889	73 yrs.	R42/144
<p>Utermehle. At his residence, 510 2d street southeast, April 16, 1889, at 4:20 p.m., George W. Utermehle, in the 74th year of his age. Funeral services at his residence, Thursday, April 18, at 4 o'clock p.m. Friends of the family invited. Interment private.</p>			
<p><i>The Evening Star, April 17, 1889</i></p>			
<p><i>Death of Geo. W. Utermehle</i></p>			
<p><i>An Old and Wealthy Citizen Passes Away</i></p>			
<p>Geo. W. Utermehle, one of Washington's oldest and most respected citizens, died yesterday afternoon at his residence, on Capitol Hill, at the age of 74 years. He had probably, in the 57 years that he has lived here, done more to build up the city than any other man being at the time of his death the largest individual owner of property in the District. He was a native of Germany, and came to this city in 1832. He first learned the tailoring business here. He obtained his first capital in this way, opening a small merchant tailoring shop, and it was not long before he was the owner of considerable property of value. He made investments with good judgment that proved extremely profitable, and for many years he has been numbered among the wealthiest citizens of Washington. He had great faith in the future of the city and builded his fortunes on that basis. He soon became the most extensive builder of houses in the District, and row after row of buildings, offices, stores and dwellings went up in his name. He had the reputation of never making a mistake in enterprises of this kind. As a result of his enterprise and good management he has lately been paying taxes on fully 500 houses while his total wealth was estimated at \$1,500,000. One of Mr. Utermehle's most notable operations was a heavy investment in government bonds at the beginning of the war which caused an increase in the public confidence to a large extent. In his business transactions he was strict but highly conscientious. He lived unostentatiously, and in a quiet way disbursed much for charity. He leaves a widow and two daughters, Mrs. Dr. L.M. Taylor and Mrs. Samuel Norment, of Washington. The funeral will take place at 4 o'clock.</p>			
<p><i>The Evening Star, April 19, 1889</i></p>			
<p><i>Funerals</i></p>			
<p>The funeral service over the remains of the late George W. Utermehle were held yesterday afternoon at the residence, 410 2d street southeast. Rev. W.E. Parsons officiated and the interment was at the Congressional Cemetery. The pall-bearers were Washington B. Williams, William R. Woodward, I.C. Slater, Luther W. Slater, Amos Luke and John A. Ruff.</p>			
<p><i>The Evening Star, March 17, 1902</i></p>			
<p><i>Utermehle Estate</i></p>			
<p><i>Contest Over Will Involving Large Interests</i></p>			
<p><i>The Hearing Begun</i></p>			
<p><i>Opening Statement of Counsel for Caveator</i></p>			
<p><i>Decedent Left Property Valued at Over \$1,000,000 --</i></p>			
<p><i>His Grandson Brings the Suit</i></p>			
<p>After several postponements, hearing was begun today before Justice Barnard and a jury in the Probate Court of the contested will case involving the estate of George W. Utermehle, deceased. The estate is said to be worth considerably more than \$1,000,000. It is believed that the hearing, which is being held in the room of Criminal Court No. 2, will be in progress about seven or eight weeks. The caveator is Charles H. Utermehle, a grandson of the deceased, and the caveateers are Mrs. Mamie E. Norment, a daughter of George W. Utermehle; Dr. Leroy M. Taylor, a son-in-law of the deceased; Leroy M Taylor, jr., a son of Dr. Taylor, and Mildred and Dorothy Taylor the two little daughters of Leroy M Taylor, jr. It is alleged that in the making of his will coercion was brought to bear upon George W. Utermehle, and that at the time the paper writing purporting to be a will was executed.</p>			
<p>The caveator, Charles H. Utermehle, is represented by Attorneys R. Ross Perry, Wilton J. Lambert and D.W. Baker, while Attorneys A.S. Worthington, Thomas P. Woodward and Charles L. Frailey appear for the caveatees. The following were impaneled as a jury: Messrs. John H. Grove, Harry F. Dunkhorst, J. Hiram Johnson, T. Johnson Fletcher, John W. Danenhower, Augustus B. Bishop, Frank G. Noite, James E. Willet, Clarence E. Latimer, Charles H. Lavender, Charles J. Foote and Grant S. Kendrick.</p>			
<p>Justice Barnard ruled that the caveator should act as plaintiff, and therefore have the opening and closing. Accordingly, Attorney Perry began the proceedings with an explanatory address to the jury.</p>			
<p>He stated that George W. Utermehle was born in Germany in 1815 and moved to this country in 1832, when he was seventeen years of age. He married a Pennsylvania lady in 1836. Charles H. Utermehle, sr., the father of the caveator, and his twin sister, Rose M. Taylor, were born in 1839. Charles H. Utermehle, sr., was the only son of the testator, and he married in 1861, and died in 1867, leaving as his only son, the grandson of George W. Utermehle, the caveator in the case now on hearing.</p>			

Outlines Proposed Testimony

After detailing the movements of young Utermehle during the lifetime of his father. Mr. Perry announced that evidence would be produced to show that not only did the warmest personal feeling exist between grandfather and grandson, but that on several occasions the grandfather had specifically stated that he proposed making ample provision for the future of his grandson. According to Mr. Perry, at the time of the death of George W. Utermehle, the grandson was induced to desist from contesting the will upon the promise of the other heirs that upon his grandmother's death everything would be made up to him. Counsel added that it would be shown that not only was this not done, but that between the time of the death of George W. Utermehle and the death of his widow the large estate which she had derived from her husband had been so disposed of, under the control of her daughters, that a third share thereof only amounted in money to about \$58,000. As an instance

The Evening Star, November 30, 1904, p. 18

*The Utermehle Will Case**Hearing in the United States Supreme Court*

In the Supreme Court of the United States yesterday afternoon the hearing in the Utermehle will case was finished.

George W. Utermehle died in December, 1889, leaving real property worth about \$1,200,000. By a will all but one square of ground in the northeast, known as the "Young's law building," was left to his two daughters, Mrs. Rose M. Taylor and Mrs. Mamie E. Norment; the square of ground referred to being left to his widow, and the law building to his grandson, Charles H. Utermehle. In 1900 a petition was filed in the District Supreme Court by Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Norment, asking that the will of their father be probated as to real property. To this a caveat was filed by Charles H. Utermehle, alleging that the will was invalid because of mental incapacity of the deceased and undue influence and fraud alleged to have been practiced upon him.

In the District Supreme Court it was contended by Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Norment that the grandson was estopped to contest the will. This contention was sustained by the trial justice, and after being affirmed by the Court of Appeals was taken to the Supreme Court of the United States. The arguments were made on behalf of the grandson by Wilton J. Lambert and D.W. Baker, and on behalf of the caveatees by A.S. Worthington.

Utermehle, Mena

d. 11 Jan 1854

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The Evening Star, January 7, 1854

Murder

Just as we were going to press, we learn that a man named Utermuele, living in the Northern Liberties, murdered his wife this morning. We shall give our readers the particulars on Monday.

We learn that the woman murdered by Utermuele, was his mistress, Emeline Lackey. He is now undergoing an examination before Justice Smith.

The Evening Star, January 9, 1854

Inquest

On Saturday last, Coroner Woodward summoned a jury, to inquire into the cause of the death of Mrs. Emmeline Lackey. After examining all the witnesses that could be obtained, the jury returned the following as their verdict:

That the deceased had been for several months past, a woman of very dissipated habits; that she lived with Mena Uttermuhle, and that said Uttermuhle had been in the habit of ill treating her; that about two months since, he cut her head with an axe, and subsequently struck her over the head with a pair of tongs; that the deceased and said Uttermuhle had been in the habit of fighting, and that the neighbor had often heard blows and the cry of murder in the house occupied by them; and, in the absence of a physician to make a postmortem examination, (not withstanding every effort was made by the Coroner to obtain one) the jury believe from the evidence, that the deceased came to her death from intemperance, ill treatment and cruelty at the hands of said Uttermuhle.

The evidence before Justice Smith, at the examination of Mena Uttermuhle, who was suspected of being connected with the murder of this woman, elicited nothing very positive concerning the case. The Justice, however, did not feel at liberty to release the prisoner upon such evidence, and committed him to jail, to await the action of the grand jury.

It will be noticed, in the verdict of the Coroner's jury, that a physician could not be obtained to make a post mortem examination. No one need wonder at this, as it is an unpleasant job, for which the surgeon receives no pay.

The Evening Star, January 12, 1854

Died in Prison--Mena Utermuhle, who was sent to jail on suspicion of being concerned with the murder of Emeline Lucky, died in jail about 12 o'clock, last night. We understand that the Grand Jury had dismissed his case, but he was sick and unable to leave the prison. It is said he died of mania-a-potu.

The Evening Star, January 13, 1854

Inquest. The coroner yesterday held an inquest in the county jail over the body of Utermuehle. The evidence proved death by mania-a-portu and the verdict was rendered accordingly.

Utermuehle, Nellie d. 28 Dec 1864 16 yrs. **R42/143**

Utermehle. In the hope of a blissful immortality, on the morning of the 28th instant, Miss Nellie J. Utermehle, second daughter of George W. and Sarah Utermehle, in the 17th year of her age. Her funeral will take place from the residence of her parents, No. 425 Massachusetts avenue, today, the 29th instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., to which the friends of the family are invited to attend.

Sister, thou wast mild and lovely,
Gentle as the summer breeze,
Pleasant as the air of ev'ning,
When it floats among the trees.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber--
Peaceful in the grave so low;
Thou no more wilt join our number;
Thou no more our songs shalt know.

Dearest sister, thou hast left us;
Here thy loss we deeply feel;
But 'tis God that hath bereft us;
He can all our sorrows heal.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled,
There in Heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no farewell tear is shed.

Utermuehle, Sarah d. 13 Mar 1893 78 yrs. **R42/142**

Utermehle. On Monday, March 13, 1893, at 4 a.m., Mrs. Sarah Utermehle, widow of the late George W. Utermehle, in the 79th year of her age. Funeral from her late residence, No. 510 2d street southeast, on Wednesday at 3 p.m. Relatives and friends invited.

The Evening Star, May 5, 1890

Mrs. Utermehle's Gift

She Donates a Farm to Establish a Lutheran Home for Aged People

An important announcement was made by Rev. W.E. Parsons, the pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, to his congregation yesterday morning. He stated that Mrs. Sarah Utermehle, the widow of George W. Utermehle, had decided to present to the Lutheran church of this country the property known as Queen Chapel farm for the purpose of locating there a home for the aged. This generous gift will enable the Lutheran church to carry out the project contemplated for some years of establishing such a home. This farm containing twenty-seven acres is near the Ivy City property. As soon as possible the necessary buildings will be erected and all the arrangements will be made to carry out the objects of this gift. Mrs. Utermehle some time ago as a memorial to her husband had the interior of the Church of the Reformation beautifully decorated and refitted.