

DE WITT C. BLAIR, AGED BANKER, DIES

He Gave His Sons, C. Ledyard
and John I., Each \$7,000,-
000 Last Christmas.

HIS GIFT TO PRINCETON

Member of Blair & Co. Since Its
Formation in 1890 and a Director
In Two Railroads—Was 81.

De Witt Clinton Blair, a member of the firm of Blair & Co., bankers, of 24 Broad Street since 1890, when the firm was formed, died yesterday at his home, 6 East Sixty-first Street, in his eighty-second year.

He was born in Blairstown, N. J., and was a son of John Insley and Mrs. Anna Blair. Mr. Blair was graduated from Princeton University in 1856, in 1906 remembering his Alma Mater by completing Blair Hall to the Halstead Observatory, a distance of 100 feet. His father died in 1899, and when the legal difficulties over the settlement of his estate were finished in 1908 Mr. Blair received \$47,500,000, and five grandchildren of the testator each \$500,000.

Last Christmas Mr. Blair presented each of his sons, C. Ledyard Blair and John Insley Blair, with \$7,000,000 each. He had been retired from active business for several years, but at the time of his death was still a Director of the Warren Railroad Company, the St. Louis & Hannibal Railway, and the Sussex Realty Company. Mr. Blair was a member of the Princeton Club. At the outbreak of the civil war he raised a company in New Jersey, but its services were not thought necessary, and it was disbanded. Subsequently, however, he enlisted in the Twenty-second New York Regiment.

COL. WM. E. VAN WYCK DIES.

Civil War Veteran Was a Founder
of the New York Athletic Club.

Colonel William E. Van Wyck, a noted veteran of the civil war and a member of the firm of C. F. Hubbs & Co., paper merchants, of 389 Lafayette Street, died on Wednesday at his home, 129 West Ninety-fifth Street, in his seventy-fifth year.

He was born in this city and was a son of John Thurman Van Wyck and a cousin of former Mayor Robert A. Van Wyck and of former Supreme Court Justice Augustus Van Wyck. At the age of 15 he entered the employ of Levi, Cook & Co., later being associated with Henry, Smith & Townsend. In 1860 he joined the Seventh Regiment and went to the front with it in 1861. In July, 1862, he became a Captain in the 131st Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, and accompanied Sherman in his march to the sea. Later he was transferred to the Army of the Potomac and was brevetted Lieutenant Colonel and finally Colonel. He was mustered out in 1865.

Colonel Van Wyck continued his connection with the National Guard, and in 1871, as Captain of Company F of the Ninth Regiment, N. G. N. Y., took an active part in quelling the Orange riots. In 1898 he was Grand Marshal of the Memorial Day parade. His funeral will take place with full military honors on Saturday at 10:30 A. M. from St. Bartholomew's Church.

Colonel Van Wyck was formerly active in athletics and was one of the founders of the New York Athletic Club and its first President. He was also a member of the Sons of the Revolution, the New York Genealogical and Biological Society, and the Veteran Corps of the Seventh Regiment. His widow survives him.

Colonel Van Wyck was a member of Mayor Van Wyck's Committee of One Hundred for the Charter Day celebration in 1898 and also for the reception to Admiral Dewey in the same year. He was also a member of the Liederkrantz, the Republican, the Road Drivers, the Manhattan Driving, the Hoboken Turtle, the Coney Island Jockey, and the National Arts Clubs; the Society of Colonial Wars, the Loyal Legion, the Union Veterans' Legion, the Holland Society, the St. Nicholas Society, the State Military and the National Rifle Associations, the Numismatic and Archeological Society, the Army of the Potomac, the Nineteenth Army Corps, the Second Brigade Staff Association, the Ninth, Sixth, and 131st Regiment Veterans, the American Museum of Natural History, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

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