

Paterson's Hobart Died In Office

Garret A. Hobart, Paterson's illustrious son who was elected Vice-President of the United States in 1896 on a ticket headed by President William McKinley, died while in office and was succeeded by Theodore Roosevelt who became President when McKinley was assassinated.

A man of stature and affluence, Hobart was an honorable man who at one time refused to be candidate for United States Senator when the chance was suddenly opened to him because he felt that his candidacy would work an injustice to a political rival.

In 1892 and again three years later Hobart was offered the nomination of Governor of New Jersey by the Republican Party, but declined.

But in 1896, he was nominated Vice-President of the United States on a ticket headed by William McKinley.

In the election that followed, the Republican candidates were elected and Hobart took the oath of office on March 4, 1897.

An unusually close relationship existed between Hobart and McKinley, whose confidential advisor he became.

Vice-President Garret A. Hobart died Nov. 21, 1899, while serving his country. The nation was led in mourning by President McKinley.

A short two years later, after being re-elected to his second term, President McKinley was to be shot by Leon Czolgosz, anarchist, while attending the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, N.Y.

McKinley was shot on Sept. 6, 1901, and died Sept. 14, the same year.

Theodore Roosevelt, who was elected Vice-President with McKinley, became the 26th President of the United States. Czolgosz was executed.