

SCHERMERHORN DIES AT BANQUET

Falls Dead at Union Club
Pointing to the American Flag.

WAS TO HAVE SPOKEN

Was an Officer in Civil War
and Active for Many Years
as a Financier.

Frederick Augustus Schermerhorn, a trustee of Columbia University and for many years one of the most widely known capitalists in New York, went to the Union Club, at Fifth avenue and Fifty-third street, last night as one of the guests of honor at a dinner given to the board of governors by Charles F. Hoffman, president of the club. He was to have delivered an address on the "American Army in the Civil War."

In the banquet hall Mr. Schermerhorn, as a former president of the club and a member of fifty years standing, sat on the right of Mr. Hoffman and directly in front of a large American flag which he had presented to the club when America entered the war against Germany. Mr. Hoffman delivered an address on what the United States Army had done in the present war and then introduced Mr. Schermerhorn as one of the oldest members of the club and an officer in the Union Army in the civil war.

Mr. Schermerhorn rose to his feet and glanced at the American flag, then at the diners. It was noted that he looked tired and fatigued. He started to speak, but had said only a few sentences when he stopped, put his hand before his eyes uncertainly and staggered. He quickly recovered himself, but an instant later he turned toward the flag, half-lifted one hand and fell forward on the table.

Death Is Instantaneous.

Dr. George N. Miller, one of the guests at the dinner, hurried to his assistance, but Mr. Schermerhorn was dead before the physician could reach his side. Both Dr. Miller and Dr. Nagle of 16 West Fifty-fourth street, who was called to the club, said that Mr. Schermerhorn had died of an apoplectic stroke.

Mr. Schermerhorn was born in New York on November 1, 1844, and had lived in this city all his life. For many years he had made his home in 101 University place, where he lived with his sister, the widow of Col. Auchmuty. It was one of the few old New York families still living in that district. Mr. Schermerhorn was educated at the Columbia School of Mines, from which he was graduated in 1868 with the degree of mining engineer. He served in the civil war as a Second and First Lieutenant in the 185th Infantry and saw action in a number of important battles. He was mustered out in 1865 and breveted Captain for gallant conduct at the battle of Five Forks. After the war Mr. Schermerhorn served in the New York National Guard for seven years as a private and then as a commissioned officer.

Associate of Elder Morgan.

For many years Mr. Schermerhorn was a power in the financial world, and in many business deals was an associate of the late J. P. Morgan, but retired several years ago from active business, although he still maintained an office in Liberty street. He was the treasurer of the New York Trades School, a member of the American Geographical Society, the St. Nicholas Society, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History. His clubs were the Metropolitan, Century, City, Army and Navy, Union, Knickerbocker, Tuxedo, Coaching, Westchester Country, New York Yacht, Seawanhaka-Cornithian Yacht, Mendelssohn Glee and Riding.

Mr. Schermerhorn is survived by his sister and several nieces and nephews. He was never married.