

Emile Hugo Hoffmann

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DEATH OF LEADING AND WELL-KNOWN CITIZEN OF HANCOCK --

E. H. Hoffmann, Well-Known
Former Clerk of Courts of Hancock
County, and Leading Citizen

PASSED AWAY MONDAY NIGHT
AT 9:50 O'CLOCK.

Born in New Orleans and Was 70
Years of Age Last October —
Funeral Largely Attended.

Emile Hugo Hoffmann died at the
family home in Main Street Mon-
day night at 9:50 o'clock, surround-
ed by his loved ones and friends
and neighbors who were in constant
attendance either in the home or at
the sick bedside.

The end came peacefully, and,
while it had been expected
momentarily for the past month or
more, the news nevertheless was
received as a shock and earned
with it much regret at the loss and
sorrow for the bereaved relatives.

Mr. Hoffmann had been ill from
time to time for over a long period.
About a year since his malady took
a serious turn and his condition
grew worse with time. Every
attention possible was given the
patient and it is due to the tender
and constant nursing that he rallied
time and again and lived longer
than under ordinary circumstances.

Emile Hugo Hoffman was a native
of New Orleans. On the 2nd of
October he was 70 years of age,
born in 1849. He was the first of
the children of the late Conrad
Hoffmann and Agnes Weisberger,
both natives of Baden, Germany,
but who resided here for many
years and were among the
prominent and leading citizens of
the place during their time. He was
reared in this city and educated by
the Brothers of the Sacred Heart at
College. Prior to 1879 he was dep-
uty clerk of the courts of Hancock
county, under Clerk Murphy, and
serving so well, that in 1879, when

a vacancy occurred, he was elected
clerk. This responsible and trust-
worthy position he held
consecutively for over thirty odd
years, retiring seven years ago.

The Sea Coast Echo, in its issue of
September 5, 1903, made this refer-
ence to Mr. Hoffmann's official abili-
ty: "The office of chancery and cir-
cuit clerk is one requiring capable
business methods, methodical accu-
racy and good common sense to fill
satisfactorily. While its duties are
clearly defined, they can be admin-
istered to the greater satisfaction of
the public by the admixture of a lit-
tle courtesy and a spirit of
kindliness on the part of the official
in charge. It is this policy that has
added to the popularity of E. H.
Hoffmann, the present incumbent.
Mr. Hoffmann's discharge of duties
of responsibility and trust and his
ability as a good business manager,
careful account and and master of
detail have aided him in the conduct
of these offices quite as much as a
thorough knowledge of local people
and conditions."

In 1881 he married Miss Catherine
Ruissech and the union has been
blessed with a splendid family, who
have enjoyed the influence of a
Christian education. His children are
Misses Catherine and Alvina and Mr
George W. Hoffmann. Two grown
sons, deceased, were Emile C. H.
and John Aloysius.

Mr. Hoffmann was always an out-
and out Democrat, and a very
public spirited citizen, ever to the
front to forward the interests of
Hancock county. He served in
various capacities of public trust
and honor, and his death has closed
the book of a long and useful
career.

The family, doubly bereaved by
the very recent death of their son
and brother, Aloysius, have the ten-
der and heartfelt sympathy of the
entire community. Their sorrow is
crushing and the burden is heavy.
Although our hearts bleed and our
tears are blinding, we can only say,
"Thy will be done, oh, Lord, and not
ours." The Echo sympathizes deeply
with the family in its loss.

The funeral took place Tuesday af-
ternoon from the late residence,
with religious ceremony at the
Church of Our Lady of the Gulf,
Rev. Father Gmelch officiating. The
deceased had been a devout
member of the Catholic faith since
his childhood and many were his
benefactions to the church
where he had worshipped. He was
one of the trustees of the church,
and helped both with his services
and financial means to build the
beautiful church with its cathedral-
like proportions.

The funeral was largely attended,
attesting to the popularity and high
esteem in which the deceased was
held in city and county. Many
acquaintances from away were
present at the last sad rites.
Interment was in the Cavalry group
receiving vaults, pending the
erection of a new family
tomb at St. Mary's cemetery.

**BURIAL AT ST MARY
CEMETERY IS IN THE
RUISECH-HOFFMANN FAMILY
TOMB LOCATED AT:
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