

LAND AND FREEDOM / July-August 1926

Death of James R. Garret

By the Editors

The death of James R. Garret, of Boston, on Tuesday, June 5, takes from us one long a worker in the cause. Mr. Garret was in his 82nd year. From the Boston papers we extract the following biographical data of an active life.

He was born at Trinidad de Cuba, February 16, 1845, son of Joseph and Eliza Henschman (Todd) Garret. On his mother's side he was descended from early Massachusetts ancestry. He was graduated from Harvard in 1867 and began the study of law in the offices of Jewell, Gaston & Field, in Boston. He was admitted to the bar in Boston in 1871, and served as assistant city solicitor of Boston from 1873 to 1879.

In 1891 he was appointed by Governor Russell as one of three commissioners to draft a bill to introduce into Massachusetts what was known as the Torrens system of land transfer, and which is now known as the Massachusetts land court. During this period and for the ensuing years, he was a member of the legal firm of Garret & Hay of Boston. He retired from active practice two years ago.

For a considerable period he served as secretary and director of the Conveyancer's Title Insurance Company, which he helped to found. He was a Democrat and a Unitarian. He held membership in the Bar Association of the City of Boston, the Boston City Club, the Appalachian Mountain Club, and was one of the founders of the Abstract Club. He also was president of the Massachusetts Single Tax League.

On June 27, 1895, he married Hannah M. Todd of Lynn. She survives together with a son, Philip Lord Garret.

The family home was in Cambridge.

A framed picture of Henry George hung on the wall in his office.
Years ago he presided at a great meeting in Tremont Temple at which
Henry George spoke.