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DL Musselman (1842-1910)

On Thursday, June 16, 1910, Prof. D. L. Musselman, one of the foremost private commercial schoolmen of America, died after a brief illness, the result of a cold and heart trouble, aged 68 years.

He was married in 1873 to Mary McDavitt, and is survived by her, and the following children: Miss Harriett; D. L., Jr.; Virgil G.; and Thomas Edgar.

In 1862 he enlisted in the 85th Illinois Infantry, and served to the end of the war, being mustered out Commander of the company in which he had enlisted.

In 1870 he bought the Gem City Business College, and made of it a household word throughout the west. For some years the active management and conduct of the school as fallen upon other shoulders, his sons having gradually assumed a large part of the management, D. L., being Treasurer and Manager, and Virgil G., Secretary. Thomas Edgar, a graduate of the Illinois University, is also connected with the school.

Prof. Musselman was one of the pioneer business educators of America, who conducted at all times a high grade institution. He was a staunch member of the M. E. Church, the past year having been elected President of the Board of Trustees of the Vermont Street M. E. Church. He was a lover of nature, and was quite a student of trees and plant life, his beautiful home attesting to his knowledge of landscape gardening.

To the wife and family we extend our sympathy, and wish the institution he built up the same increased prosperity it has enjoyed in the past.