

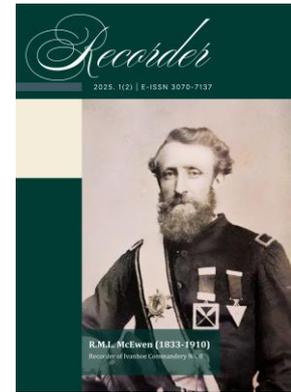
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In Memoriam

R.M.L. McEwen (1833–1910): Recorder of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8

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Abstract. Ralph Maxwell L. McEwen (1833–1910) was a long-time resident of St. Louis, Missouri, where he lived from 1870 until his death. Born in Adams County, Pennsylvania, he built his professional life as a clerk in the local post office. In 1878 he married Mary McEwen, and together they raised three sons. McEwen was actively involved in Masonic life, holding membership in Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 and Occidental Lodge No. 163, A.F.&A.M. His dedicated service culminated in his role as Recorder in 1895. McEwen's life reflects civic engagement, family devotion, and active participation in the Masonic fraternity.

Keywords: Ralph Maxwell L. McEwen, St. Louis, Freemasonry, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8, Occidental Lodge No. 163, Recorder, Knights Templar, 19th century.

Ralph Maxwell L. McEwen was born on December 5, 1833, in Adams County, Pennsylvania. Since 1870, he had been a resident of St. Louis, Missouri.

He was married on January 9, 1878, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Mary McEwen, and they had three sons. He worked as a clerk in the post office.

He was a member of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 and of Occidental Lodge No. 163, A.F.&A.M. (St. Louis, Missouri). In 1895, he held the officer position of Recorder (Fig. 1).

Ralph Maxwell L. McEwen passed away on May 10, 1910.



Fig. 1. R.M.L. McEwen – Recorder of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8. 1895.