

**EX-CAPTAIN WARD DEAD**

William O'Connor, Mrs. Harry Wolfe and Miss Kate Ward, and one son, **Bernard J. Ward**; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Oehlman, and a brother, Peter Ward, of Philadelphia.

**Picturesque Figure In Police Department For Many Years.****TRIED AND DISMISSED IN 1910****Courage In Capturing Criminals Brought Him Promotion—Course Led To Stormy Investigations.**

**Bernard J. Ward**, 59 years old, a former police captain, died yesterday at his home, 2506 Guilford avenue, after an illness of less than two weeks of typhoid-pneumonia. Captain Ward's death was a shock to his many friends, as only the members of his family and a few of his intimates knew he was seriously ill.

For many years Captain **Ward** was one of the most picturesque figures in the Police Department. His career in the apprehension of criminals, his detective work and his organization of effective work by men under his command won for him the praise of his superior officers. He was somewhat defiant to certain officials in the department, and during the last 10 years of his official life as a district captain he was the central figure in many a stormy investigation.

**Dismissed After Trial In 1910.**

**Ward** was dismissed from the Police Department January 1, 1910, after a seven-day trial, presided over by Col. Sherlock Swann, then president of the Police Board. At this trial **Ward** was defended by the late Thomas G. Hayes and Harry B. Wolf. The charge against **Ward** at this trial was "conduct unbecoming an officer in moving subordinates from one post to another without justifiable cause." A number of witnesses testified to alleged protection given certain houses by police officials in the Northwestern district, of which **Ward** was the executive officer.

**Ward** was a great friend of the late Robert Davis, for many years a figure in the Western district. He narrowly escaped drowning with Davis on July 4, 1910, in Stony creek, when a rowboat in which the two men were rowing off the Point shore capsized. Davis was seized with apoplexy and was drowned. **Ward** swam to shore.

Captain **Ward** was born in this city, and learned the trade of a brushmaker. Later he was a grocery clerk and also drove a horse car. He was appointed a patrolman June 20, 1883, and assigned to the Southern district. He was ambitious and, whether on duty or off, was constantly on the lookout for violators of the law. In 1885 he was made a sergeant and transferred to the Southwestern district. A year after his promotion, **Ward's** ability was recognized. His name had been placed on the roll of honor and he was made a detective. All sorts of criminals fell into his net.

**Fought Armed Maniac.**

Once he had a hand-to-hand fight with an armed maniac who had stabbed another man to death at Pratt and Calvert streets. **Ward** was fearless under all conditions. For 12 years he did good work in the detective bureau and on July 15, 1897, he was taken from the detective bureau, made a district captain and assigned to the Southern district. The succeeding Police Board held that his appointment to a captaincy had been illegal, and he was voted out by the Upshur-Morris-Fowler board.

**Ward** immediately took his case to the courts, and his reinstatement was directed by the Maryland Court of Appeals. **Ward** was reinstated in March, 1902. From then until the latter part of 1909 he served as captain at the Central, Northern and Northwestern districts.

When dismissed on New Year's Day, 1910, Captain **Ward** said: "It is all over; they have dismissed me from the department." He immediately went into the loan business, in which he was engaged at time of his death.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Matilda **Ward**; three daughters, Mrs.