

# LAST OF VILLERES

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Ernest C., Male. Descendant of  
Great Governor, Succumbs.

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Ernest C. Villere, scion of one of the most distinguished families of the state, veteran of the Civil War, and a successful business man, died yesterday afternoon at 12:15 o'clock at his home, 1557 Henry Clay Avenue, after an illness of but a few days. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from his late residence.

A native of New Orleans, the deceased was the last male descendant of Governor Jacques Philippe Villere, and while he lived a quiet and retired life for the last few years, he had been prominently connected with the social and business affairs of the city for over a generation. Mr. Villere, who was 73 years of age, belonged to the old school of chivalry, and was a true type of the Southern gentleman.

Educated at Spring Hill College and the surrounding colleges of the city, he had been reared on his father's plantation, known as the Beka estate, a few miles below the city. When the war broke out, though quite a young man, he enlisted in the Eighteenth Louisiana Regiment, and served gallantly throughout the bloody conflict. Returning to the city of his birth, after the surrender at Appomatox, the deceased established the wholesale liquor business which is still operated under his name. He was quite successful in the business which he conducted up to about two years ago, when he retired permanently, after having sold his establishment. At one time Mr. Villere belonged to all of the leading clubs of the city, and had taken an active part in the Carnival organizations. He was also a member of the Army of Tennessee.

He is survived by his wife, who before marriage was Miss Angele Bernard, two sons—Leon and St. Denis Villere, both of whom are well known in the business and social world of the city, and two daughters, Misses Corinne and Anaise Villere. He was the son of Caliste Villere and a grandson of former Governor Jacques Philippe Villere.

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