

CLAUDIUS BRADSHAW DEAD

He Was Twice Elected Mayor of Camden

Claudius W. Bradshaw, former Mayor of Camden, died suddenly last evening at his home, 520 South Second street, Camden, of heart failure. He had been suffering for a long time from Bright's disease, which weakened his heart. He was critically ill during the past winter, and his life was several times despaired of. He rallied about two months ago, and was able to appear on the street, but about a week ago he was again confined to the house.

Claudius W. Bradshaw was born at Sheffield, England, October 29, 1835. He came to this country with his parents in 1840, and three years later they removed to Camden. Young Bradshaw gained his education in the public schools, and learned the trade of a wood turner. He became an active member of Independence Fire Company, and in 1870 was elected City Marshal on the Democratic ticket. In 1871 the city charter was revised, and there was a deadlock in City Council. The Democrats and Republicans each having elected an equal number of Councilmen. The following year the Legislature provided for the election of a Councilman-at-Large, and Mr. Bradshaw was nominated by the Democrats and elected. When he broke the Councilmanic deadlock he was presented with a key four feet long.

In 1876 Mr. Bradshaw was elected Chief of the Fire Department. He was first elected Mayor of the city in 1880, when he defeated Benjamin F. Archer, Republican. He was opposed for re-election by Dr. H. H. Davis, whom he easily defeated by over 1000 majority. He was a candidate for a third term, but was defeated by Jesse Pratt. He served as a member of the County Excise Board in 1893, and was a member of both the City and County Democratic Executive Committees at the time of his death.