

ALBERT EDWARD GRAY

ALBERT Edward Gray, prominent in the manufacturing industry in Derby for many years and closely allied with business, civic and fraternal interests in the lower Naugatuck Valley, although now residing at 780 Edgewood avenue, New Haven, never relinquishes his interests and contacts in his former home.



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Born November 26, 1878, at Dover, N. J., the family moved to Ansonia when he was nine years old. He attended grade school until thirteen and afterwards went to Pope's Business College evenings.

At this time he took a position with the S. O. & C. Company, eyelet manufacturers, Ansonia, where he worked for eight years. The Union Fabric Company, corset steel and accessories manufacturers, was then located in Ansonia. Major Wilbur F. Osborne was then looking for a young man to learn the business and travel on the road, so with the permission of his employers, Mr. Gray severed his connection with his company and joined Major Osborne and shortly after the Union Fabric Company built its Derby plant and moved to that city. Mr. Gray then changed his residence to Derby, building a home on Seymour avenue.

Under Major Osborne's great business ability and tutoring, Mr. Gray advanced with the business and became very closely identified with it.

ber of the Race Brook Country Club, one of his avocations being golfing, while he is also a bowler and has won many prizes in various competi-

Shortly after the death of Major Osborne, Mr. Gray was made assistant secretary and general manager of the concern, which positions he holds at the present time, being closely associated with Mrs. Frances E. Osborne Kellogg, who is president of the company. The business continued to grow and is still one of Derby's leading manufacturing establishments, having splendid factory accommodations on Housatonic avenue.

On September 2, 1916, Mr. Gray married Miss Mildred F. Homan, daughter of Senator Franklin L. Homan, one of the largest oyster growers in New England. They have two sons, Franklin and Robert. Mr. Gray has since lived in New Haven and commutes between that city and Derby.

Mr. Gray still gives a great deal of attention to Derby city affairs and is interested in everything that makes for the progress and upbuilding of the community. He served one term as a member of the Derby board of aldermen.

Mr. Gray has been prominently identified with Derby Lodge of Elks for many years and served as one of its exalted rulers. He has seen, since he joined the order, the local lodge grow from small quarters on Lower Main Street to the present handsome home on Elizabeth street. He and Superior Court Judge Patrick B. O'Sullivan purchased the land for the present site of the Elks' home. Besides being a past exalted ruler of Derby Lodge, Mr. Gray has served on many of its important committees and for two terms was a member of its board of trustees.

He is also a past president of the Derby-Shelton Rotary Club; president of the New Haven Farmers' Club; a veteran of the Second Company, Governor's Foot Guard; member of the Union League Club of New Haven; King Hiram Lodge, F. and A. M., of Derby; New Haven Commandery, Knights Templar; Pyramid Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine, Bridgeport; and of the Order of Royal Jesters of Bridgeport.

Mr. Gray, by his own determination and application to hard work, succeeded in his chosen field, winning the confidence of his superiors and later his associates. He is the splendid type of citizen and held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances not only in this vicinity where he is well known, but also in the city of his adoption, New Haven. He is a mem-

tions both on the links and on the alleys. To a host of acquaintances "Al" Gray is known as a good friend and upright citizen.