

MONTE WATERBURY, POLO PLAYER, DEAD

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James M. (Monte) Waterbury, Jr., who was one of the most brilliant polo players in this country, died suddenly yesterday at French Lick Springs, Ind., where he had gone for a rest. Mr. Waterbury left this city on Thursday, and he had only been at the resort a day when he died. It is believed here that Mr. Waterbury's death was caused by a heart affection, for, it was said, he had been ailing for the last year. He visited the Meadow Brook Club, at Westbury, L. I., on Tuesday, and at that time he appeared to be in good health. The news of his death came as a shock to his many friends.

With his brother Larry he was a member of the American polo team which for years successfully defended the cup until 1914, when England lifted it.

Mr. Waterbury was identified with international polo as a player since the third match for the trophy was played in Hurlingham in 1902, where the Americans were defeated. He was on the team which Harry Payne Whitney got together in 1909, and which successfully invaded England and brought the cup to the United States. This team won the name of the Big Four, and it was composed of Mr. Whitney, Mr. Waterbury and his brother Lawrence and Devereaux Milburn. Mr. Waterbury played in five matches against England in 1914. He was selected to succeed Harry Payne Whitney, then abroad, as captain of the Meadow Brook four. In that year England lifted the cup.

Mr. Waterbury was born in Westchester in 1876 and he was educated in private schools and under private tutors. Until a few years ago he lived in Westchester County, when he took up his home in this city. At the time of his death he occupied apartments at 14 East Forty-first Street. He was President of the Waterbury Company, manufacturers of wire and manila rope, at 63 Park Row.

Mr. Waterbury is survived by his parents, two sisters, Mrs. Gouverneur Morris and Miss Katherine Livingston Waterbury, and five brothers, Lawrence Waterbury, John C. Waterbury, Grenville F. Waterbury, Livingston Waterbury and Reginal Waterbury, who is at present in Milan, Italy. He was a member of the Knickerbocker, Brook, Racquet and Tennis and the Country Club.

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