

## Captain William H. McNelley (Abt. 1830-1902) of Cleveland, Ohio An Accident on Lake Superior Takes the Life of the Old Lake Captain

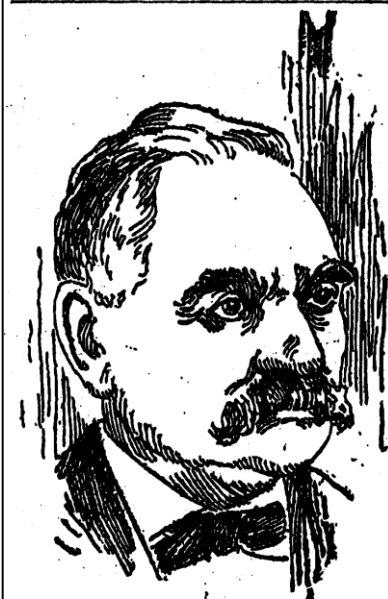
Death: April 12, 1902/ Obituary & Tributes

### CAPT. M'NELLEY KILLED.

Was One of the Oldest Lake Masters in Cleveland--Sailed the Lakes for Forty-Eight Years.

W. H. McNelley, one of the oldest lake captains in Cleveland, was instantly killed on the steamer Progress off Houghton, Mich., Saturday. His head was crushed between the hatch cover and the hold.

Capt. McNelley was seventy-two years of age, and had been sailing from this port for forty-eight years. He started on his first trip of the season last week as



CAPT. W. H. M'NELLEY.

mate of the Progress, Capt. F. D. Perew, bound from Buffalo to Duluth.

The deceased resided at No. 38 Fulton street, and leaves two sons and a daughter. He was a member of the Lake Captains association and that association will have charge of the funeral services. The remains will be brought to Cleveland this evening.

### LAKE CAPTAIN KILLED.

W. H. M'NELLEY, OF THIS CITY, IS CRUSHED TO DEATH BY A FALLING HATCH.

Word was received in the city Saturday night of the death of Captain W. H. McNelley, a well-known Cleveland lake captain. Captain McNelley lived at No. 38 Fulton street, and his death was the result of an accident that occurred on April 12 at Eagle Harbor, on Lake Superior.

Captain McNelley was in the hold of the steamer Progress when he was struck and instantly killed by a falling hatch. Captain McNelley was one of the best known marine men in Cleveland. He was seventy-two years old and had been on the lakes during the greater part of his life. He leaves two sons and a daughter, George F., Ellen E., and O. H. McNelley. The remains are expected to arrive in Cleveland this evening at 5 o'clock. The Lake Captains' Association will have charge of the services.

### TRIBUTES TO THE DEAD.

#### Many Floral Pieces at the Funeral of Captain W. H. McNelley.

The funeral of the late Captain W. H. McNelley was held from his late home, No. 38 Fulton street, yesterday afternoon. Services at the house were conducted by Rev. John Malcolm, of the First Congregational Church. The interment was at Riverside Cemetery.

Rev. Mr. Malcolm made a few feeling remarks in reference to the high esteem in which Captain McNelley was held by his old friends and associates. The little home on Fulton street was crowded with mourning friends, almost every one of whom brought a floral tribute. So profuse were the floral offerings that the dead captain's home resembled a veritable conservatory. A beautiful set piece was sent by the Lake Captains' Association.

A funeral car took the remains to the final resting place.

Source of newspaper articles:

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