

# A WASHINGTON DIED IN DEBT

Will of Col. William D., Descendant  
of General's Brother, Filed.

An appraisal, just filed, of the estate of Colonel William De Hertburn Washington, a descendant of John A. Washington, who was a brother of George Washington, shows that at the time of his death on Aug. 31, 1914, he was insolvent. Colonel Washington had a wide reputation as a promoter and engineer, and was thought to be well-to-do. Just before his death he tendered his services to the French Government in an engineering capacity. He was a consulting road engineer for the State by appointment of Governor Sulzer.

The transfer tax appraiser's report shows that Colonel Washington left a gross estate of \$13,897, but there were legal deductions of \$14,568, of which his debts were \$12,952, largely for money borrowed. The assets consisted of \$6,044 cash, \$4,371 in notes, and stocks and bonds valued at \$3,481.

Colonel Washington owned thousands of shares of stock in mining, oil, and industrial corporations appraised as worthless, including 20,000 shares of the Summit City Oil and Gas Company. He came to New York some years ago as President of the Hydraulic Construction Company, but his holdings in this corporation were of little value. He wrote a book on "Progress and Prosperity."

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