

**Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory**

Lot Number: 16 Space: B1

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

**Walking Tour #24**

Find A Grave # 6860121

Name: **Saulsbury, U. S. Senator Willard D., Jr.**

Birth date: April 17, 1861 Death date: February 20, 1927 Burial Date: February 23, 1927 Age: 65  
b. Georgetown, DE

Spouse: May Lamotte *DuPont* Saulsbury (1854-1927) m. December 5, 1893

Children: none

Parents: Hon. Willard Saulsbury Sr.(1820 -1892) & Annie Milby Ponder Saulsbury ( 1825-1912)

Siblings: John Ponder Saulsbury (1853-1889); Margaret Saulsbury (1856-1875)

Residence: Wilmington DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: myocarditis

Service/occupation information: Attorney at law

Officiate: Rev. Benjamin F. Thompson

Lot Owner: Hon. Willard Saulsbury

Marker shared with spouse



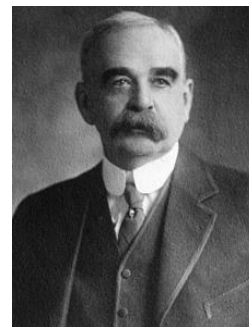
Inscription: Willard Saulsbury  
Born at Georgetown April 17, 1861  
Died at Wilmington February 20, 1927  
United States Senator for Delaware 1913-1919  
President Pro Tempore United States Senate 1916-1919  
Member of advisory committee at conference on Limitation of Armament  
At Washington 1921  
Delegate of the United States to Pan American Conference  
At Santiago Chile 1923

May DuPont Saulsbury  
His wife  
Born August 9, 1854 – Died May 7, 1927  
At Wilmington

DIMENSIONS: H 45" x W 78" x D 26"

STYLE: family monument for Willard and wife; gothic arches on each edge

Repairs needed: cleaning (summers 2021-2022)



Inventory date: September 5, 2019 Recorder: Ellen Richardson

US Senator. He was elected as a Senator from Delaware to the United States Senate, serving from 1913 to 1919. He was the son of Senator Willard Saulsbury, Sr.

Documents retrieved from ancestry.com on April 27, 2022

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**RETURN OF A MARRIAGE.**  
CITY OF WILMINGTON, DEL.

MARRIAGE RECORDS  
VOL. 63 P. 138

- Name of Groom (in full) *Willard Saulsbury Jr*
- Age *33*
- Color *White*
- Place of Birth *Georgetown, Sussex, Delaware*
- Residence *Wilmington, Del.*
- Occupation *Lawyer*

7. Name and birth place of Groom's Parents  
 Father's Name *Willard Saulsbury*  
 Birth Place *Millsboro, Del., Kent Co., Del.*  
 Mother's Name *Annice Pender*  
 Birth Place *Millsboro, Del.*

- Name of Bride (in full) *May du Pont*
- Age *29*
- Color *White*
- Place of Birth *Wilmington, New Castle, Del.*
- Residence *Wilmington, Del.*
- Father's Name *Victor du Pont*
- Mother's Maiden Name *Annice Pender*
- Date of Marriage *Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 1893*
- Previous Condition, Groom
- Previous Condition, Bride
- Date of Certificate *Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 1893*
- Date of Registration

20. I hereby certify that the marriage of the parties above named was duly solemnized or contracted by or before me, at the time and place above stated.

Names of Witnesses to Marriage.  
 Person officiating, name here.  
*James M. Pender, Prop. H. Weston Henry*  
*Mrs. M. M. Pender, M. A. Pender*

RETURN TO THE PROPER LOCAL REGISTRAR

**STATE OF DELAWARE**  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH  
 County *De*  
 Hundred *Wilmington*  
 City *Wilmington*

2 FULL NAME *Willard Saulsbury Jr*

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS  
 SEX *Male* COLOR *White* RACE *White* MARRIAGE *Married*  
 DATE OF BIRTH *April 17 1861* (Month) (Day) (Year)  
 AGE *66* yrs. mos. da. If less than 1 day, specify in hours and minutes.  
 OCCUPATION *Atty.*  
 General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) *At Law.*  
 State or country *Delaware*

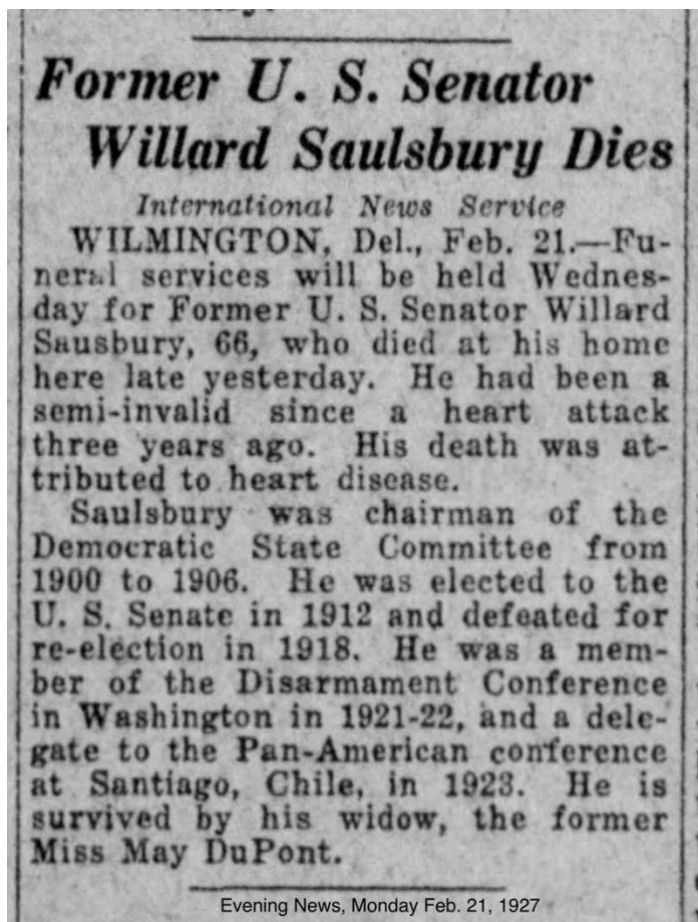
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH  
 DATE OF DEATH *Feb 21 1927* (Month) (Day) (Year)  
 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from *10 01* (Month) (Day) *19 26*, to *2 21* (Month) (Day) *19 27*.  
 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at *2:20 P. M.*  
 The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:  
*Myocardial*  
 (Duration) *1 yr. 8 mos. da.*

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
 (Informant) *John Henry M. Thomas*  
 (Address) *Wilmington, Del.*

15 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMAINS  
 LOCAL BURIAL  
 DATE OF BURIAL *2-23-1927*

16 LOCAL REGISTRAR  
 LOCAL REGISTRAR

The Evening News, Wilmington, DE, Monday, February 21, 1927



# EX-SENATOR SAULSBURY DEAD

BostonGlobe, Mon.  
Feb. 21, 1927 p.1

## Prominent Democrat of Delaware

WILMINGTON, Del, Feb 21 (A. P.)  
—Ex-United States Senator Willard  
Saulsbury died at his home here yes-



Photo by  
Harris A Ewing

EX-SENATOR WILLARD SAULSBURY

terday of heart disease. He was 66  
years of age.

Mr Saulsbury had suffered from  
heart trouble since being stricken  
three years ago while at his Summer  
home in Maine. He had been practi-  
cally an invalid. He is survived by  
his wife, formerly Miss May du Pont  
of this city.

Funeral services will be held  
his wife, formerly Miss May du Pont

## BELONGED TO FAMILY OF HEREDITARY SENATORS

Willard Saulsbury, the last United  
States Senator elected by the Legisla-  
ture of Delaware, came from a family  
that has been prominently identified  
with Democratic politics in Delaware  
many years and which sent three of  
its members to the United States Sen-  
ate.

The upper house of Congress seemed  
to be the particular political goal of  
the Saulsbury family, resulting in a  
notable contest in the Democratic caucus  
of the Delaware Legislature of  
1871. Willard Saulsbury Jr, father of  
Senator Saulsbury, had just completed  
a term in the Senate and, seeking a re-  
designation, was vigorously opposed by  
two of his brothers, Gove Saulsbury,  
who at the time had just retired as  
Governor of Delaware, and Eli Sauls-  
bury, a lawyer of Dover. The latter  
was chosen and was reelected in 1877  
and 1883. Seeking a fourth term in  
1888, he was defeated in the December  
primaries.

Willard Saulsbury, the son, was born  
at Georgetown, Del, April 17, 1861. Dur-  
ing his father's term in the Senate he  
was taken to Washington and enjoyed  
the pleasure of sitting for a brief  
period in a seat in the Senate chamber.  
At the time one of his father's col-  
leagues jested about the possibility of  
the boy some day occupying a seat  
there as a duly elected United States  
Senator.

After his preliminary education in  
private schools, Senator Saulsbury was  
graduated at the University of Vir-  
ginia and the nreal law in the office  
of his father, who then was chancellor  
of Delaware. With his admission to  
the bar he formed a partnership with  
Victor du Pont of Wilmington, which  
continued until 1888. He later formed  
other partnerships in the practice of  
law in which he was senior member.

Taking naturally to politics, Senator  
Saulsbury since early manhood had  
been active in the leadership and man-  
agement of the Democratic party in  
Delaware. At the Legislative session of  
1897 he was an aspirant for the United  
States Senatorial nomination, but was  
defeated by Richard R. Kenney of Do-  
ver. Later he was designated in sever-  
al Senatorial contests by Democratic  
minorities and finally was elected in  
1912, when the Democrats succeeded in  
electing a majority of the State Legis-  
lature. Thus, he was the last Senator  
chosen by the Legislature.

He was nominated for reelection by  
the State convention in 1918, but at  
the popular election was defeated by  
the Republican nominee, Lewis Heisler  
Ball. During the last two years of his  
term Senator Saulsbury was president  
pro tempore of the Senate.

Senator Saulsbury was chairman of  
the Democratic State committee of  
Delaware from 1900 to 1906. Two years  
later he was elected a member of the  
Democratic national committee and  
served continuously in that capacity  
until 1920. He was a delegate to the  
Democratic national conventions of  
1896, 1904, 1912 and 1920.

Since his retirement from the United  
States Senate Mr Saulsbury had been  
actively engaged in law practice in  
Wilmington and Washington. He con-  
solidated the Wilmington street rail-  
ways and electric companies and or-  
ganized a trust company. He was a  
member of the advisory committee of  
the Limitation of Armament Confer-  
ence in Washington in 1921-1922 and a  
year later was American delegate to  
the Pan-American Conference at San-  
tiago, Chile.

At the Democratic national conven-  
tion of 1924 Senator Saulsbury was put  
forth by the delegation from his State  
as a candidate for the Presidential  
nomination and received a number of  
votes during the early balloting.

On Dec 5, 1893, he married Mary,  
daughter of Victor du Pont. They had  
no children.

Boston Globe Mon. 2.21.1927