CAPT. THOS. LUND IS MOURNED

A Former Augustan Was Mayor of Titusville, Fla.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

By the Board of Trade of Titusville After the Death of Captain Lund.

Between turned column rules, the Indian River Advocate, of Titusville, Fla., prints the following regarding Captain Lund, a former Augustan, whose funeral occurred here on last Wednesday:

Capt. Thomas W. Lund died at the home of his son, in Jacksonville, on last Monday evening, after an illness of one week's duration. On Monday previous he was stricken with paralysis and never regained consciousness.

Thomas Walker Lund was born in Louisville, Ky., in 1831, and when a lad of 14 years entered the service of a marine engineering establishment in his native city, where in due course of time, he became an expert engineer and machinist. Then he began his steamboat career on the Mississippi river, and followed it for several years.

In the early fifties he came to Augusta, Ga., and soon took charge, as commodore engineer, of the Savannah Line steamers, then plying between this native city and Augusta. In this capacity he faithfully served the old Savannah Line for many years, and accumulated funds to embark on his own account, in the steamboat business. Then he came to Florida, making his home in Jacksonville—a mere village at that time—and launched out vigorously in the transportation business on the St. Johns river.

He next conceived the project of opening the upper St. Johns, as far as Lake Poinsett, to navigation; and after encountering many obstacles, successfully accomplished his purpose. After this he established a hack line to Sand Point, now Titusville, to connect with another of his boats on the Indian river, thus giving transportation facilities to the few scattered settlers then along the waterway. At this juncture he saw the pressing necessity of hotel accommodations at this point, and purchased a large block of property on which he had the Lund House erected for the convenience of the passengers coming over his line to the Indian river country. This was the first hotel built in Titusville, and was one of the old landmarks of the town until the destructive conflagration of three years ago wiped it out.

All the old-time settlers on the St. Johns and Indian river kindly remember the genial pioneer steamboat captain with gratitude, and many indeed will be the expressions of regret felt at his demise.

Captain Lund was a large property owner in this town, and a member of the board of aldermen for several terms. Last October the citizen selected him as their choice for mayor and he was elected without any opposition.

As mayor, he served the people faithfully until about three weeks ago, when he left on a short visit to his children in Jacksonville, where the fell destroyer overtook him, and he passed away peacefully with his devoted wife and loving children at his bedside. The news of his death was a shock to this community, and has made a void that shall be felt for a long time. He was kind, genial and generous, and no deserving charity ever appealed to him in vain. As vice president of the board of trade, a position to which he was elected by an unanimous vote, he was earnest and energetic in his efforts to advance the interests of this town.

He is survived by a wife and two children—Capt. T. W. Lund, of the Clyde Line and Mrs. R. H. MacMillan—in Jacksonville; also a sister—Mrs. Roberts, of Louisville, Ky. In conjunction with this community, we offer his bereaved widow and family our heartfelt sympathy in their hour of sorrow and affliction.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

At a meeting of the Titusville board of trade, held at their rooms on Wednesday evening, the following resolutions of condolence were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the board of trade has heard with great sorrow of the death of its vice president, Thomas W. Lund, which occurred at Jacksonville this week; that the board of trade and this community have sustained a great loss in the sudden death of one whose life was always honorable, courteous, unselfish and helpful. Being one of our oldest and best citizens, his presence will be sadly missed from amongst us, and will be remembered by his many kind deeds and generous, pure life.

Resolved further, That we tender to the bereaved family our unfled heartfelt sympathy in this sad affliction, and the secretary of this board is ordered to furnish them and our local papers with a copy of these resolutions.