

Lee McClung
22nd Treasurer of the United States
Years Served: November 1, 1909 – November 21, 1912

Tennessee County of Residence: Knox County

Place of Birth: Knoxville, Tennessee

Date of Birth: March 26, 1870

Date of Death: December 19, 1914

Political Affiliation: Republican

History: Lee McClung was born in Knoxville, Tennessee on March 26, 1870. He was the son of Eliza A. L. Mills McClung and Frank H. McClung who was a merchant. The McClung family was one of the oldest and most prominent families in the state of Tennessee. Treasurer McClung was educated at Phillips Exeter Academy and then went on to pursue more education at Yale University. While at Yale, he was a member of the Yale Bulldogs football team. During his time as a football player, he was captain of the team for two years. During his time as captain, the Yale football team of 1891 went undefeated with a 13-0 record. In 1892, he graduated from Yale University with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

After he finished college, Treasurer McClung traveled in America and Europe for two years. He then began work in the northwestern part of America as a paymaster with the St. Paul & Duluth Railroad Company in St. Paul, Minnesota. He worked for the company from 1894 to 1898. In 1899, Treasurer McClung joined the Southern Railway Company with headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky. He served as Assistant Traffic Manager and retained his position with the railway company until 1904 when he resigned to become treasurer of Yale University.

In 1909, Treasurer McClung was appointed by President William Howard Taft as Treasurer of the United States. He served as Treasurer from November 1, 1909 to November 21, 1912. Treasurer McClung resigned from his position in 1912.

After his time as Treasurer of the United States Treasurer McClung, along with his brother C.M. McClung and C.M.'s wife, ventured on a trip around the world.

On December 19, 1914, Treasurer McClung died at the age of 44. He passed away in a private hospital in London, England after a lengthy illness of typhoid fever. His body was returned to the United States and a funeral service took place at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in New York. After the service in New York, Treasurer McClung's body was taken to Knoxville, Tennessee for burial in the Old Gray Cemetery following additional services at his sister's home.

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