

# S U M E R W E L L



Robert Knox Sumerwell was born in Covington, Kentucky in 1821. He received his early education in local public schools and spent his whole life in the Covington community. Over the years, Sumerwell was connected with the city government in various capacities. In January of 1860 he was elected to city council, defeating his opponent, E. A. Welsh by a wide margin. He was also a long-standing member of the masons.

On August 27, 1863 Robert Sumerwell died from a hemorrhage of the lungs when he was forty-two years of age. The funeral was held at the Christian Church on Third Street, and he was buried in Linden Grove Cemetery.

The Sumerwell house, located on the northwest corner of Russell and Covington Avenues, was built in the mid 1800's. It is a simple, two-story structure characterized by an abundance of wrought iron work. The intricate iron work on the front porch is exceptional.