

William Primrose Allan (1839 – 22 Dec 1905)



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Locals

Mr. William P. Allan was yesterday appointed clerk of the construction department of the Washington Navy Yard, by the secretary of the Navy, vice Mr. John H. Speiser deceased.

The Evening Star, December 23, 1905

Wm. P. Allan Dead -- Was Prominent Member of Local Fraternities Funeral Services to be Held Under Odd Fellow Auspices Monday Afternoon

William P. Allan, one of the best-known men in fraternal circles in Washington, died last evening at his late residence, 522 6th Street Southeast, after a long and painful illness. He was an old resident of Washington, having moved here from Philadelphia in 1865. He was born in Illinois in 1839 and was sixty-six years old. For more than twenty-five years he has been employed at the shops of the Washington Navy Yard, for nearly all of that time being chief of the bureau of construction and repairs.

Mr. Allan had been prominently identified with several leading fraternities, being a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 9, I.O.O.F.; Lafayette Lodge, No. 19, F.A.A.M., and Superior Lodge, No. 27, K. of P. He devoted most of his activity, however, to Odd Fellowship, being a member of Maganenu Encampment, No. 4; Canton Washington, No. 1, and Naomi Rebekah Lodge, No. 1. He was secretary of Harmony Lodge, I.O.O.F., and scribe of Maganenu Encampment, I.O.O.F., for nearly forty years, holding both positions at the time of his death.

He first joined the order of Odd Fellows in Philadelphia and was admitted to membership in this jurisdiction by deposit of withdrawal card. He served as a member of the Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., for a number of years and was elected grand master of that body in 1886. At the close of his term in 1887, he was elected grand secretary, which position he held until 1892, when he was elected a representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. He was continuously re-elected until 1904, when he declined another election, and was again elected grand secretary, which position he held until his final illness compelled him to give it up at the session of the Grand Lodge last July. Mr. Allan had a very large circle of warm and devoted friends.

The Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., will meet this evening at Odd Fellow's Hall in special session to take appropriate action on his death. Mr. Allan leaves three daughters, married, and living in this city, and two sons, one of whom is employed at the ship yards in Bath, Maine.

The funeral will be held Monday afternoon from his late residence, and the Interment will be at Congressional cemetery, where the Odd Fellows will hold services in the chapel.

The Evening Star, December 24, 1905

Arrange for Funeral

Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows Notes Death of P.G.M. Allan

The special meeting of the Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., held last evening to take action on the death of Wm. P. Allan, P.G.M., P.G.R. and P.G.S., appointed a committee on condolence, consisting of Grand Representatives F.A. Stier and John I. Brown and Past Grand Master W.W. Millan, who submitted appropriate resolutions, which were adopted.

The Grand Lodge decided to attend the funeral in a body, and Grand Marshall E.H. Easterling was appointed a committee of one to attend to all necessary arrangements. Past Grand Master Geo. J. Collison was appointed to act as pallbearer on behalf of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet in Harmony Lodge Hall, 209 Pennsylvania avenue southeast at 1:30 tomorrow afternoon, and will go from there to the late residence of the deceased, at 522 6th street southeast, and attend the services to be held at 2 p.m. The interment will be at Congressional cemetery.

The Evening Star, December 25, 1905

Funeral of William P. Allan

Funeral services over the remains of William P. Allan, who died Friday evening last, were held this afternoon at his late residence 522 6th St., S.E. The Officers of the Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F. attended the services. The remains were interred in Congressional Cemetery with the honors of the Odd Fellows Order of which Mr. Allan was a prominent member.