

William S. Anderson

(- d. 17 Nov 1904)

Anderson. On Thursday, November 17, 1904, William S. Anderson in the 69th year of his age. Funeral from his late residence 464 F street s.w. Sunday, November 20th at 2 o'clock p.m. (Baltimore, Md. And Norfolk, Va. Papers please copy).

The Evening Star, November 17, 1904, p. 8

Victim of Pneumonia

Sudden Death of William Anderson, Commission Merchant

Prominent in Masonic Circles and Member of the Grand Army of the Republic

William S. Anderson, who has been in the commission business in this city since 1865, died at his home, 464 F street southwest, early this morning, at the age of 68. He had been sick only since Saturday morning last and death was caused by pneumonia.

Mr. Anderson was a prominent Mason, belonging to the commandery chapter, shrine and blue lodge, and was among the oldest members of the Masonic Veteran Association of the city. Funeral services will be held over his remains Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock under Masonic auspices. The John A. Rawlins Post, G.A.R., of which Mr. Anderson was also a member, will participate officially in the exercises.

The services will be held at the Fifth Baptist Church and will be conducted by Rev. Weston Bruner the pastor. The pallbearers will probably be selected from among Mr. Anderson's friends in the Masonic order. Interment will be made in Congressional cemetery.

Mr. Anderson was born near Bowie, Md., and came to this city while he was in his early twenties. After remaining here for a short while he went west, and was one of the first men in the famous pony express mail service between St. Louis and California.

Returning to this city he engaged in business, which he soon gave up to join the District volunteers in the Union army. As stated, his present business was founded in 1865. The commission house of Anderson & Co. is located on the northwest corner of 9th and B streets northwest. He led an active life until he was taken ill Saturday last.

Mr. Anderson leaves a widow, formerly Miss Leesnitzer, whom he married in this city in 1869, and five children -- Edward E. and William E. Anderson, Mrs. William Larcombe, Mrs. W.H. Smoot and Mrs. W.R. Peters, the latter of York, Pa.

The Washington Times, November 17, 1904

William S. Andrews, Aged Veteran, Dead

Well-Known Business Man, after Four Days' Illness, Succumbs to Pneumonia.

Suddenly stricken while actively carrying on his business, William S. Andrews, a veteran of the civil war and widely known throughout the business circles of Washington, after an illness of only four days, died early this morning at his home, 464 F street southwest.

Mr. Andrews was born in Bowie, Md., in 1835. When a young man he came to Washington, and at the outbreak of the civil war, enlisted in the First District Regiment. Serving throughout the struggle, he was honorably discharged with the rank of first sergeant.

A few years later he married. In 1865, he engaged in the business of a commission merchant. His executive ability, coupled with his personal popularity soon brought him business success, and it became necessary to enlarge his establishment. At the time of his death, his business headquarters were at Ninth and B streets northwest.

Carried "Pony Express"

Mr. Andrews was one of the first to carry the "Pony Express" from St. Louis to California, and his memory was stocked with tales of exciting adventures on the plains.

He was a member of the John A. Rawlins Post, and was also prominent in local Masonic circles. In the affairs of which he always manifested a keen interest. He was a member of the Dawson Lodge, F.A.A.M., and was also a Knight Templar and a member of the Grand Commandery.

He was also identified with the Masonic Veterans, the Scottish Rite Masons, and the Mystic Shrine.

While not actively connected with any institution, Mr. Andrews was charitably disposed, and had the reputation of never having refused aid to one actually in need. He was one of the oldest and most widely known members of the Fifth Baptist Church.

Mr. Andrews had suffered for several days from a severe cold, but not until Saturday was he confined to his bed. He was stricken in the office, and was immediately removed to his home. Pneumonia set in and the disease, combined with his age, caused the patient to sink rapidly. He died this morning at 4 o'clock.

His Brief Illness

Mr. Andrews is survived by his widow, Mrs. Edna Andrews, and five children, William E. and Edward E. Andrews, Mrs. W.M. Yarcombe, Mrs. W.H. Smoot, and Mrs. W.R. Peters. All were at his bedside at his death.

The funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and will be conducted with Masonic rites by the Knights Templar. Dr. Bruner, pastor of the Fifth Baptist Church, will officiate. The services at the house, 464 F Street southwest, will also be in charge of the Knights Templar. The pallbearers have not yet been selected, but will probably be chosen from the members of his Blue lodge and the Knights Templar. The interment will be in the Congressional Cemetery.

The Washington Times, November 18, 1904

Masons and Veterans To Conduct Funeral

Funeral services over the remains of William S. Anderson, who died at his late residence, 464 F Street northwest yesterday, will be held Sunday afternoon at 12 o'clock. The interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Masonic bodies to which Mr. Anderson belonged and the G.A.R., of which he was an honored member, will participate in the ceremonies. The pallbearers will be chosen from the Masons.