

## **Capt. William T. Anderson** **(b. 16 May 1849 - d. 20 Dec 1930)**

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**Anderson.** On Saturday, December 20, 1930 at his residence, 1501 V street s.e., Capt. William Thomas Anderson, beloved husband of the late Frances B. Anderson. Funeral from the chapel of Thomas F. Murray & Sons, 2007 Nichols ave. s.e. on Wednesday, December 24 at 1:30 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

Anderson, William T. Special communication of Naval Lodge, No. 4, F.A.A.M., is called at 12:45 Wednesday afternoon, December 14, 1930, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, William T. Anderson. By order of the worshipful master.

Roland M. Brown, Sec.

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### **Anacostia and Vicinity**

#### **Lieut. Anderson's Long Service in Police Department**

When Mounted Sergeant W.T. Anderson relinquishes his position of senior sergeant of the Anacostia station today in order to assume the duties of lieutenant of the fifth precinct, to which he has been promoted, he will terminate a continuous service of thirty-one years in the local field. For this length of time he has been attached to the Anacostia station, the last eight years as sergeant in charge. He has received numerous congratulations on his promotion to the lieutenancy named, having been a citizen of this community for many years. He had received practically the support of everyone here for promotion.

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### **Anderson As Police Captain**

#### **Anacostia Citizens Urge His Promotion**

#### **Petition Referred by Commissioner West to**

#### **Maj. Sylvester--Thirty Seven Years on the Force**

To urge the promotion of Lieut. William T. Anderson of the Anacostia police substation to be a captain when a separate precinct is created in Anacostia, a delegation of Anacostia citizens, headed by George C. Gertman, George F. Pyles, Whitfield McKinley and Dr. William B. Tunnell, called upon Commissioner West this morning.

The delegation presented a petition signed by three score of the leading citizens of Anacostia, setting forth that Lieut. Anderson has spent thirty-seven years of his life in the service of the police department and has been a sober, honest and efficient officer, his conduct having won for him the esteem of the entire community on the Anacostia side of the Eastern branch.

The members of the delegation supplemented the petition with a statement in Lieut. Anderson's behalf. It was stated that Lieut. Anderson has the support for the position of the 15,000 people who will live in the new precinct, and has received the endorsement of the associations of citizens in the territory which will be included in the new precinct. Upon his record in the department, the citizens explained, they asked for the promotion of Lieut. Anderson.

In reply Commissioner West stated that it had been the policy of the Commissioners to rely upon Maj. Sylvester's judgment in all matters relating strictly to the personnel of his department, inasmuch as he is directly responsible for its efficiency and discipline.

"While I have been Commissioner," said Commissioner West, "I have never attempted to influence Maj. Sylvester in any matter affecting the transfer or promotion of any individual on the force, but, on

the contrary, whenever he has forwarded to the Commissioners, through me, his recommendations and has presented satisfactory reasons for his action my approval has always been given. I appreciate all that has been said in Lieut. Anderson's behalf, but, after all, the selection of the captain for the new precinct must rest with Maj. Sylvester, who, as long as he continues to be a conscientious and capable head of the police department, will receive the support of the Commissioners in any selections which in his judgment are deemed to be for the best interest of the service. In matters of policy, which are different, the Commissioners must necessarily act according to the dictates of their own judgment."

Commissioner West has forwarded to Maj. Sylvester the petition filed in behalf of Lieut. Anderson.

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### **Citizens Forward Request**

#### **Ask Promotion for Lieut. Anderson and Sergt. Stevens**

Basing the appeal on the ground that the wishes of citizens should be considered, S.M. Frazier has informed the District Commissioners that the residents of Anacostia desire that Lieut. W.T. Anderson be made captain of the new Anacostia precinct and Sergt. C.A. Stevens the lieutenant.

"Can it be that the board of Commissioners will remain silent and approve a recommendation made by the superintendent of police simply because 'it is the policy of the board to do so,' and allow requests of reputable citizens to be entirely ignored?" Mr. Frazier asks in his letter, "It is reported that the officers above mentioned are not to be promoted. I most sincerely trust this report is erroneous. The people of Anacostia and vicinity ask for nothing but justice to men who have served the District of Columbia faithfully and efficiently for many years, and if they have not done so, may I ask why they are retained in their responsible positions? And is not our request entitled to as just considerations as that of those who are more prominent in public and official life? To my mind, the principal argument in favor of the promotion of these men is the fact that their service has been satisfactory to us and we infer that the same has been so to the police department."

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### **Tributes Are Paid Retiring Captains**

#### **City's Police Precincts Have New Leadership Today, Result of Changes**

Police precincts today were under the leadership of recently appointed and recently changed captains, as a result of the retirement of Captains Mulhall of the fifth precinct and Capt. Anderson of the eleventh precinct.

At 4 o'clock roll call yesterday afternoon, Capt. Mulhall was presented by Lieut. Yulee Hodges with an elaborate smoking stand and a smoking jacket on behalf of the members of his command.

In making the presentation address, Lieut. Hodges said:

"With the greatest regret we find ourselves gathered here on the last day of your command in this precinct. We have been able to secure only a small token of our appreciation of your efforts in behalf of the comfort and safety of your command. We know that you have already nearly everything else that could be given you, so we have selected something that may be listed in what you do not have. With it goes a tribute from your men which is great in proportion as the intrinsic outlay is small."

Capt. Sanford, who will succeed Capt. Mulhall at No. 5, is absent from the city on account of the death of his father in Richmond county, Va. He will probably return to take charge of his precinct on Sunday. In the meantime Lieut. Hodges is acting captain.

Capt. Anderson's force at the eleventh precinct gathered yesterday afternoon also to express its sorrow at his retirement from the precinct. Short ceremonies preceded roll call as a tribute to his leadership.

Capt. Lord assumed command of the eleventh precinct today. An ovation greeted him.

Capt. Anderson was known as the "Mayor of Greater Anacostia." Members of his force now declare that the title will be "Lord, Mayor of Greater Anacostia."

Capt. Doyle is now in command at the sixth precinct and Capt. Brown is in command of the third. Lieut. Anthony Shilling of the eleventh, Sergt. Kaucher of the second, and Privates Melton, McTaggart and Hollis also went on retirement today.

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### **Anderson And Shilling Get Farewell Tokens**

#### **Former Eleventh Precinct Officials Given Surprise Presentation From Men**

A delayed presentation of farewell tokens was made to Capt. W.G. Anderson and Lieut. Anthony Shilling, retired, at the eleventh precinct, Saturday.

Both of the former officials of the precinct were called up during the day and told that they were wanted to clear up some details at the precinct. When they turned up at 4 o'clock roll call they found Capt. C.P.M. Lord and Lieut. Raedy, in charge of the precinct, at the head of the force going on duty, waiting to present them with gifts from the men in appreciation of their services during the past decade at the eleventh.

In presenting Capt. Anderson with a jeweled Masonic charm, Capt. Lord recited some of the well known events of his career at the eleventh precinct since 1869, when he was mounted. Lieut. Shilling also was eulogized for his faithful and meritorious work during his term of service at the precinct and was presented with a handsome meerschaum pipe and elaborate smoking stand as a token of the esteem of his fellow policemen.

Both made short addresses of appreciation.

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### **Funeral Services Held for Capt. Anderson**

#### **Former Commander of No. 11 Precinct Given Masonic**

#### **Burial in Congressional Cemetery**

Funeral services for Capt. William Thomas Anderson, 81 years old, former commander of No. 11 police precinct, who died at his residence, 1501 V street southeast, Saturday, were conducted in the chapel of Thomas F. Murray & Sons, 2067 Nichols avenue southeast, this afternoon. Interment was in Congressional Cemetery, with Masonic rites at the grave by the Naval Lodge of Masons.

Capt. Anderson, who was retired as captain of police some 10 years ago, was long a popular figure in Anacostia. He was active in Masonic circles