

William Bailey

(16 May 1798 - 15 Apr 1887)

Bailey. Entered into rest, 15th April 1887 at 1:10 o'clock p.m. after a lingering illness, William Bailey in the 89th year of his age.

The circle round our hearthstone is broken;

A shadow of sadness amidst us does fall.

Our father is gone, the farewell is spoken.

The meek spirit fled when the angel did call.

His funeral will take place from his late residence, 11th street between N and O southeast, Sunday afternoon, 17th inst. at 3 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend,

The Evening Star, April 16, 1887

Another Old Citizen Gone

The death of Wm. Bailey, which occurred yesterday in East Washington, adds another to the long list of aged men in this city who have recently passed away. The deceased, familiarly known as "'Major Bailey'" was born in Petersburg, Va., May 16, 1798, served as a boy under commodore Barney in the War of 1812; at the close of the war was employed in the navy yard, and has been there almost continuously ever since. The major was one of the prominent figures of East Washington, highly esteemed by those who knew him. His funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from his late residence, and will be attended by Harmony Lodge, No. 9, I.O.O.F., and Eagle Tent, No. 2, of Rechabites of which deceased was long a member.

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Descendants All

The Daughters of 1812 of the District had "great grands" and "great-great grands" out for a service Sunday in which they marked the grave of an 1812 soldier, William Bailey, in Congressional Cemetery. Mrs. Natalie R. Firnald, chairman of memorial markers, was in charge, with miss Mary Oursler, acting as chaplain, and Mrs. Lane Schofield, president of the District, and Mrs. Theodore Tiller, vice president, among those present.

The "grands" were Mrs. Ruth Fugitt, Mrs. F. Rohlfing, Miss Anne Ferguson, Mrs. Leona Feaster, great-grandchildren, and Miss Frances Feaster, great-great-granddaughter of the 1812 hero.