

## James Edgar Bangs ( - 6 May 1901)

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**Bangs.** At his residence, 1855 9th street northwest, on Monday, May 6, 1901, at 11:35 p.m., James Edgar Bangs in the 52d year of his age, eldest son of the late James C. and Mary Bangs. Funeral services at the house, Thursday May 9 at 4:30 p.m. Interment at Congressional Cemetery (Denver, Col., Kansas City, Mo., and Portland, Ore. papers please copy).

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### **James E. Bangs Dead**

#### **Native of Washington and Prominent in Social and Official Life**

James E. Bangs died last night at his residence, No. 1855 9th street northwest, this city. With the exception of a few years comparatively, when he resided in the far west, he had been always a resident of the city of Washington. Mr. Bangs was gifted with brilliant mental endowments and the public schools marked him as one of their brightest students, he having in 1867, by competitive examination, taken the scholarship in the Columbian University, which was then considered the first honor in educational awards. He graduated with the highest honors from this institution, receiving the degree of master of arts and bachelor of laws, but instead of practicing the profession of the law he accepted in 1872 the position of head of a division in the ninth census, and from August of that year to July 1876, he was the secretary of the United States northern boundary commission, which surveyed the boundaries of the United States and the British possessions from the Lake of the Woods to the Rocky mountains. From May 1877 to October 1879, he was a special examiner in the pension office at Washington; from 1879 to 1881 he filled the responsible position of disbursing officer of the United States geological survey; from 1881 to 1883 he was chief of the educational division of the tenth census.

Leaving Washington for Portland, Ore., he served from 1883 to 1889 in the division of accounts of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company and as editorial writer on the Portland Oregonian. Leaving Portland in 1889 he went to Denver, Col., where up to 1895 he was engaged upon the editorial staffs of several newspapers there, and from 1895 to 1899 he was a clerk in the quartermaster's department of the United States army at Denver. About a year and a half ago he returned to Washington on account of failing health and accepted an appointment in the adjutant general's office of the War Department, which position he held up to the time of his death.

In his younger days in this city Mr. Bangs was popular in literary and social circles, and was an entertainer of a high order. His father, James C. Bangs, died very recently, and his mother, Mary Bangs, passed away suddenly about four years ago. Three brothers--Mr. David C. Bangs of Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. Wm. T. Bangs and Mr. Gale C.W. Bangs of Denver, Col.--four sisters--Mrs. Edward Carson of Denver, Col.; Mrs. J.H. Bremmerman of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Gertrude Butts and Miss Laura Bangs of this city--as well as his wife, Mrs. Evelyn A. Bangs, and one daughter, Mrs. Minerva M. Pike of Philadelphia, Pa., survive him.

The funeral will take place Thursday at 4:30 p.m. from his late residence, 1855 9th street northwest. The pallbearers, selected by himself, will be Mr. E.B. Hay, Mr. Harry Harkness, Mr. Ralph Jefferson, Mr. George Thomas and Messrs. Riggles and McGill of the adjutant general's office. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Page Milburn and the interment will be at the Congressional cemetery.

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**Funeral of James E. Bangs**

Funeral services over the body of the late James E. Bangs were conducted at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at No. 1855 9th street by Rev. Page Milburn, who depicted the attractive characteristics of the dead man in touching terms. There were many beautiful floral tributes, including a crown sent by the former associates of Mr. Bangs in the adjutant general's office. The pallbearers were Messrs. Edwin B. Hay, Ralph Jefferson, Harry Harkness, George Thomas, Mr. Riggles and Mr. McGill. Interment was made in Congressional cemetery.

*The Evening Star, March 15, 1901, p. 9*

**Illness of Mr. Bangs**

Mr. James E. Bangs, now of the adjutant general's office, War Department, is seriously ill of heart disease at his home, 1855 9th street northwest. Mr. Bangs is a well-known Washingtonian and is popular in the newspaper fraternity, having been for about twelve years on the staff of the Oregonian, Portland, Ore., and for many years on the Republican and Rocky Mountain News of Denver, Col.