

William H. Baum

(Jun 1840 - 22 May 1906)

Baum. Suddenly on May 22, 1906 at 6:15 p.m., William H. Baum in his 58th year. Funeral from his late residence 712 B street southwest, Friday, May 25 at 4 p.m. Friends and relatives invited. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

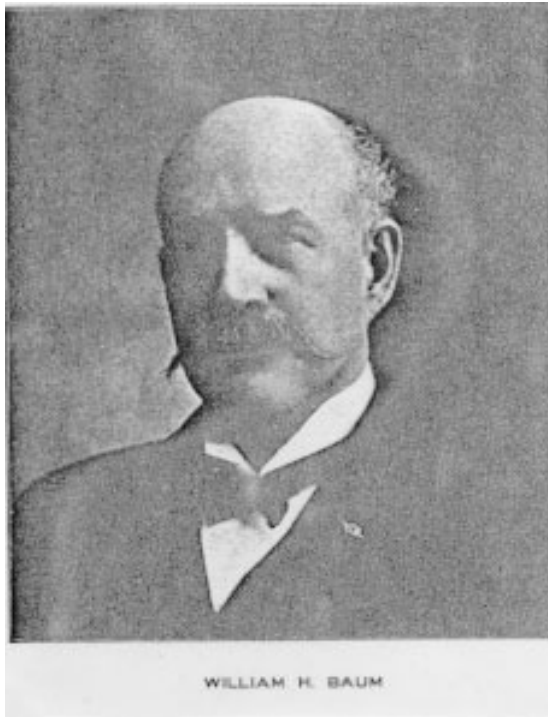
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Death Came Swiftly

Prominent Resident of South Washington Passes Away

William H. Baum Stricken While Attending to Regular Business at His Office

The sudden death of Mr. William H. Baum, a prominent and highly respected citizen of Washington, at his office, 205 7th street southwest, Tuesday evening last at 6:15 o'clock, was a great shock to his family and friends. Mr. Baum left his nearby residence, at 612 B street southwest, at 6 o'clock in excellent spirits and apparently in his usual health. Reaching his office he attempted to open his safe, when he was stricken, and calling for assistance, bowed his head over his desk and expired. He had suffered for some time with an affection of the heart, and the immediate cause of death was heart failure.



Mr. Baum was born in Baltimore fifty-eight years ago, but had been almost a life long resident of the District. He had been identified with the coal business in this city for thirty-eight years, having entered upon that occupation at 10th and C streets southwest in August, 1868. After a successful business career, he was at the time of his death the vice president of the J. Maury Dove Coal Company.

During the civil war he was connected with the quartermaster's department.

At the time of the opening of the high schools of Washington Mr. Baum became one of the board of trustees and was afterward for several years the president of the board. Mr. Baum had been a descendant of an old Dutch family, but his people have lived in the District of Columbia for many generations. His great-great-grandfather, Mr. Kokendoffer, was a very old man at his death and was buried in Oak Hill cemetery in 1825 having been for many years prior to that date the manager of the main stage line between Washington and Baltimore. The Baum family has been residents of Georgetown since revolutionary days.

Mr. Baum was a thirty-second degree Mason, a Knight Templar of Columbia Commandery, was connected with Almas Temple of the Mystic Shrine and the Scottish Rite, and had also been past master of Centennial Lodge, No. 14. He had lived in his late home for about thirty years.

The funeral will be held at the family residence, 712 B street southwest, tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, and Rev. Richard P. Williams of Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church will officiate. Masonic services will also be conducted at the residence.

The pallbearers will not be decided upon until tomorrow, but will be two representatives each from the Mystic Shrine, Columbia Commandery, Knights Templar; the Scottish Rite, Eureka Chapter, No. 4, R.A.M. and Washington Centennial Lodge, No. 14, F.A.A.M. Interment with Masonic honors will be in Congressional cemetery.

Mr. Baum's wife, who was formerly Miss Lizzie Henning of this city; his two sons, Walter and William Baum, who are in business in Washington; his mother, who is well and alert at eighty-two years of age; his brother, Mr. G.L.W. Baum, and his sister, Mrs. Mary A. Davis, survive him.

The Evening Star, Saturday, May 26, 1906

Committed to the Grave

Masonic Services Over Remains of William H. Baum

Many of the relatives, friends and business associates of the late William H. Baum, who died suddenly Tuesday evening last, gathered at the late home of the deceased, 612 B street southwest, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased by attending the funeral services. Rev. Richard P. Williams of Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church conducted the funeral services at the house and committed the body to the grave in Congressional cemetery.

At the grave the Masonic funeral services were also held, Past Master Evander French of Washington Centennial Lodge, No. 14, F.A.A.M., of which Mr. Baum was a past master, conducting the Masonic ceremonial for the lodge. Delegations from Washington Centennial Lodge, from Columbia Commandery, Knights Templar, and from Eureka Chapter, No. 4, R.A.M., attended the funeral services in a body, and accompanied the funeral cortege to the grave.

The pallbearers were Mr. J.H. Small, jr. and Dr. E.C.C. Winter, from Washington Centennial Lodge; Messrs. G.Y. Atlee and Joseph R. Fague, from Eureka Chapter, and Messrs. E.C. Elmore and G.Z. Collson from Columbia Commandery, K.T.

A History of the City of Washington, Its Men and Institutions

William H. Baum, vice-president of the J. Maury Dove Company, was born in Baltimore during the temporary absence of his family from this city. He was educated in the public schools of this city, and during the war held several governmental positions. At the close of the war he engaged in the grocery business, which he conducted for about three years. In August, 1868, he entered into the coal business, his office and yard being located at Tenth and C streets, southwest. In 1874 he bought out the business of William Guinnand, at 205 Seventh street, southwest, and on account of its more favorable location transferred his main office to that place, where he has continued in business ever since. Mr. Baum is one of the most highly respected citizens in the District of Columbia, and for many years was one of the school trustees, representing the fourth division, and part of this time was president of the school board. He is a man of fine personality and generous impulses, and has been identified with the business interests of Washington and with every movement tending to benefit the national capital. He is a man of the most irreproachable integrity, and his name is synonymous with the best principles of sound business probity. Prior to connecting himself with the Dove Co., Mr. Baum had been a warm personal friend of each of the gentlemen on the board of directors, and in the enlargement of the business he has brought an experience of 34 years which is replete with a thorough knowledge of the local conditions of the coal trade. There is probably no coal dealer in the city who is better acquainted with the coal dealers of the District than Mr. Baum and he will eventually have the entire charge of the wholesale department of the company.