

## **John Beck (Sr.)** ( - 19 Sep 1907)

---

**Beck.** On Thursday, September 19, 1907, at 7:10 a.m., John Beck, Sr., beloved husband of the late Elizabeth Beck, aged 89 years 11 months and 20 days.

Dear papa is sleeping, so free from all pain,  
Oh, wake him not, sweet spirit, to suffer again.  
He is sleeping so sweetly, oh, let him sleep on,  
His sickness all ended, his troubles all gone.  
Oh, think how he suffered and moaned with pain,  
Through the long night hours we watched him in vain,  
Till God in His mercy sent down from above  
An angel that whispered a message of love.

By His Children

Funeral from the residence of his son, 809 6th street southwest, on Saturday, September 21, at 2 o'clock p.m. Friends and relatives invited to attend.

*The Evening Star, September 21, 1907*

### **Last Tribute to Dead**

#### **Funeral of John Beck, Sr., This Afternoon**

The funeral of John Beck sr., whose death occurred last Thursday, was held this afternoon from the home of his son, 809 6th street southwest. Interment was made at Congressional cemetery, and the services were in charge of the Masonic order, of which he has been an active member for a number of years.

Mr. Beck was born in Philadelphia September 30, 1817, and was one of the charter members of the famous "Beck" band of that city, which was organized by seven of the Beck brothers. August 21, 1842 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Caldwell in Philadelphia, and was a resident of that city until 1848, when he removed to Morgantown, W.Va., where he lived until 1852. At that time he became a resident of Washington, and lived here continuously up to the time of his death.

For a number of years Mr. Beck was a clerk in the Post Office Department. Later he became connected with the firm of Harvey, Clark & Given, and for many years was a faithful employe, enjoying the respect and confidence of the members of the firm.

Mr. Beck was a prominent member of the Masonic order, being affiliated with Union Lodge of Morgantown, W.Va., and later with Hope Lodge, No. 20, of this city. He had been a member of the Masonic Mutual Relief Association since September 13, 1871.

March 27, 1896, Mrs. Beck died, and since that time he resided with his son, John Beck, jr. Besides his son mentioned, one daughter, Mrs. L.O. Knowles of Riverdale, Md., four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive him.