

Charles E. Berry (13 Mar 1867 - 27 Jul 1939)

Berry, Charles Edwin. On Friday, July 28, 1939 at his residence, 1401 Fairmont street n.w., Charles Edwin Berry, beloved husband of Edna P. Berry. Services at the S.H. Hines Co. funeral home, 2901 14th street n.w. on Saturday, July 29 at 2:30 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Charles E. Berry Dies

Founded Jewelry Firm Of Berry & Whitmore

Native of Virginia Active in Organization Life of Capital

Charles E. Berry, one-time president of Berry & Whitmore jeweler and prominent Washington clubman, died at his home last night after a long illness at the age of 72. He made his home at the Falkstone Courts Apartments, Fourteenth and Fairmont streets N.W. Born in Virginia, Mr. Berry came to Washington as a child and lived here until his death. He began his career with Galt & Bros., later going into business for himself.

He founded the firm of Berry & Whitmore, which long remained one of the city's leading retail jewelry houses. The firm was located at Eleventh and F streets N.W. The company discontinued business about 10 years ago.

Mr. Berry was a charter member of Temple-Noyes Lodge, No. 32 of Masons. He was also a member at various times of the following organizations: Rotary Club, Blue Ridge Rod and Gun Club, Board of Trade, Racquet Club, Jewelers' Club (Philadelphia), Machinery Club (New York), Wellwood Club, Columbia Golf and Country Club and the Anglers' Club of Maryland.

Mr. Berry married Edna Parmenter of Vermont. They had five children, all of whom survive him. They are Henry Berry, Charleston, W. Va.; George and Charles Berry of Washington, Mrs. Hudson Grunewald, Silver Spring, Md. and Mrs. Edward Murphy of Pittsburg, Pa. Mrs. Berry also is living. Funeral arrangements are not yet completed.

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Charles E. Berry, Sr., Funeral Services Scheduled Today

Jewelry Company Founder Had Been Ill For Long Time

Charles E. Berry, sr. 72, founder and president of the now extinct jewelry firm of Berry & Whitmore, was to be buried today in Congressional Cemetery after services at the S.H. Hines funeral home, 2901 Fourteenth street N.W., at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Berry died Thursday night at his home, the Falkstone Court Apartments, Fourteenth and Fairmont streets N.W., after a long illness. He had been confined to his bed for almost a year. He was born in Washington March 13, 1867, and, when not traveling spent his entire life here. Mr. Berry was active in many clubs and organizations both here and in New York City.

Mr. Berry entered the firm of Galt & Bros., jewelers, when he was 17 years old and learned the jewelry business while associated with that firm. Shortly afterwards he entered business for himself and went into the partnership of Berry & Whitmore. The firm, which was located at Eleventh and F streets N.W., was one of the city's leading retail jewelry stores for many years and a landmark in the business district until 1927, when it went out of business.

A 32d-degree Mason, Mr. Berry was a charter member of Temple-Noyes Lodge, No. 32. He was also a member at various times of the following organizations: Rotary Club, Blue Ridge Rod and Gun Club, Board of Trade, Racquet Club, Jewelers' Club (Philadelphia), Machinery Club (New York), Wellwood Club, Columbia Golf and Country Club and the Anglers' Club of Maryland.

Mr. Berry married Edna Parmenteer of Vermont who survives. Also surviving are five children. Two sons are in business in Washington now. They are George, manager of the Mayfair Laundry, and Charles, manager of Washington Linen Service. Another son Henry P., is an engineer with the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. at Charleston, W. Va.

His two daughters are Mrs. Hudson Grunewald, Silver Spring, Md., and Mrs. Edward Murphy of Pittsburgh, Pa.