

James Henry Birch

(- 20 Dec 1870)

Birch. Departed this life, December 20 at 20 minutes past 1 o'clock p.m., Capt. James H. Birch in the 67th year of her age. Friends and acquaintances are most respectfully invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, No. 918 D street south, Friday, 2 o'clock p.m."

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Death of Capt. James H. Birch

Captain James H. Birch, a well-known citizen of the Seventh Ward, died yesterday at his residence, No. 918 D street southwest, in the 67th year of his age, after an illness of some months. Captain Birch was formerly a justice of the peace, and succeeded Captain John H. Goddard in the command of the "Auxiliary Guard," when that was the police force of Washington, and as such was a most efficient officer, and soon gained the respect of the entire community. Subsequently he was chief of the corporation police and Commissioner of the Seventh Ward. He was a member of the order of Odd Fellows, having in 1843 deposited his card from Pocahontas Lodge, of Alexandria, in Columbia Lodge, of this city; and also a member of Centennial Lodge of Masons. His funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon.