

Robert S. Boswell **(- 30 Jan 1906)**

Boswell. On Tuesday, January 30, 1906, at 5:30 o'clock p.m., after a long and serious illness, Robert S. Boswell, beloved husband of Sallie A. Boswell. Funeral from his late residence, 148 E street northeast, Thursday, February 1, at 3 o'clock. Friends and relatives invited. [Evening Star, Wednesday, January 31, 1906, Page 5]

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Death of R.S. Boswell

Was for Years Court Stenographer at City Hall Formerly Employed at United States Capitol -- Private Secretary to Postmaster General Howe

Announcement of the death of Robert S. Boswell, which occurred yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at his home, 148 E street northeast, was received this morning with expressions of deep regret at the city hall, where he had been employed for many years as court stenographer, and among his friends generally in the city. His death followed an illness of four months and was not unexpected. Mr. Boswell had been in failing health ever since he was stricken with illness while taking testimony in court last spring. The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from the late home of the deceased and the interment will be made in the Congressional cemetery.

Mr. Boswell was born in Washington fifty-five years ago. He was educated in the public schools of this city, but left school at an early age to engage in business as a clerk. He became a stenographer and was finally made a member of the corps of official Senate stenographers under Mr. Dennis Murphy. After leaving the Senate force Mr. Boswell became clerk to the District committee under the late Senator Ingalls. Subsequently Mr. Boswell was employed as private secretary to Mr. Timothy O. Howe when he was Postmaster General. A strong and lasting friendship developed between Mr. Howe and his secretary. For the past several years, as above stated, Mr. Boswell has been one of the court stenographers at the city hall.

Reported Important Trials

In the long period in which he was expert stenographer Mr. Boswell reported many of the most important murder trials in the country. Among the most notable of these was the Guiteau trial. By attorneys and court officials Mr. Boswell was regarded as a shorthand writer of exceptional ability and his services were in frequent demand when delicate and important legal work was to be recorded.

At the city hall this morning high tributes were paid to his character by prominent members of the bar. It was declared that he was a man of pure moral tone, without a stain resting upon his life.

In his youth he became a member of Christ P.E. Church on G street and taught in the Sunday school there for several years. He was devoted to his family, who are grief-stricken over his death.

Mr. Boswell married Miss Sallie A. Woodward, daughter of the late Amon Woodward of this city. His wife and one son, Mr. Herbert A. Boswell, a patent attorney of this city, and three daughters, Miss Gertrude A. Boswell, Miss Alice Boswell and Miss Gretna Boswell, survive him.