

Horatio Browning (- 18 Apr 1904)

Browning. On Monday, April 18, 1904, at 4 o'clock p.m. at his residence, 1117 6th street northwest, Horatio, beloved husband of Catherine Virginia Browning. Funeral Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Relatives and friends invited. Interment private.

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An Old Citizen Dead

Horatio Browning Passes Away at Age of 72

Was Known as the Oldest Grocer in Washington

Funeral Tomorrow at 2 o'clock

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock over the remains of the late Horatio Browning at his late residence, 1117 6th street northwest, and will be conducted by Rev. Richard P.



Horatio Browning,
Photographed by Parker.

Williams, rector of Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church. The interment will be in Congressional cemetery and will be private. The honorary pallbearers will be selected from the board of directors of the Central National Bank and the active pallbearers will be clerks from the store of Browning & Middleton, as follows: A.D. Bond, W.H. McKnight, S.T. Ellis, C.F. Fenwick, C.M. Dorsey and William Fisher.

Mr. Browning, who was known as Washington's oldest grocer, died at his home here yesterday after a long and painful illness. He had been suffering with rheumatism and since Christmas had been confined to his bed. He was seventy-two years old and is survived by his wife and four children.

Mr. Browning until the time he was taken ill was one of the most active business men in Washington. He was president of the Browning & Middleton grocery establishment and since its organization had been a director in the Central National Bank. He was vice president of the bank for fifteen years, having supervised constructing the building where it was located. It was largely through his influence the bank was established. He was also secretary and treasurer of the Venezuelan Telephone Company, formed here. He was born at Barnesville, Montgomery county, Md., and came to Washington with his parents in his early youth.

His business career began as a clerk for George and Thomas Parker, and in 1859 he engaged in business for himself.

Several years ago Mr. Browning's claim to being the oldest grocer in the city was disputed by N.W. Burchell, who had also been business here since before the war. It was decided to share the honors, and a day was set to have a dinner to celebrate the distinction. On the very day the dinner was to have been held, Mr. Burchell died.

Mr. Browning was married in the same year he started his store on Pennsylvania ave. The disease which caused his death was contracted during a fire in his store on November 8, 1902. His wife was

Miss Catherine Virginia Miller, the daughter of Charles Miller, an East Washington merchant. The children are C.T. Browning, Horace Browning, Miss Caddie Browning and Mrs. C. Fran Carr of Hyattsville, Md. He was devoted to his family and benevolent to all about him, ever ready and willing to do a kindness and advise with the young men.

Mr. Browning was a member of St. John's Lodge of F.A.A.M., and of DeMolay Commandery of the Knights Templar.