

## William Catesby Burroughs

( - 23 May 1911)

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**Burroughs.** On Tuesday, May 23, 1911 at 10:50 p.m., William Catesby, beloved husband of Annie Carroll Burroughs. Funeral Friday, May 26 at 2 o'clock from his late residence, 217 Linsworth Place southwest. Interment private. Please omit flowers (Baltimore, Md. and Cleveland, Ohio papers please copy).

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### **W.C. Burroughs Dead; Lived Here 70 Years**

#### **Was a Pioneer Builder and Carpenter of City and Served in Civil War**

William Catesby Burroughs, a resident of this city for more than seventy years and a veteran of the civil war, died at his home, 217 Linworth place southwest, last night. Mr. Burroughs had been suffering at intervals during the last year from brief attacks of illness, but his condition had not been considered serious until last Sunday a week ago, when he was compelled to go to bed. His death is said to have been the result of kidney and stomach trouble.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be private, in Congressional cemetery. Mr. Burroughs leaves a wife, Mrs. Annie Carroll Burroughs, and one daughter, Mrs. John M. Davis.

Mr. Burroughs, who was a pioneer carpenter, builder and cabinet maker of this city, was born in St. Marys county, Md. Nearly seventy-five years ago. When less than four years of age he was brought to this city, where he had lived ever since. While a boy he attended the First District School, at 14th and G streets northwest, being taught by J.L. Henshaw. Later he learned carpentry and building and at a still later time learned cabinet-making.

#### *Did Work for Government*

For a time he was employed as foreman by John Fitzhugh, who was doing contract work for the government. Under the direction of Mr. Burroughs the file cases in the patent office were made. He also made many cases and boxes for the Department of Agriculture. A large number of the most fashionable houses throughout the city show specimens of his handicraft, as he made mantels and other furniture for many of the most prominent people of this city. The house in which Mr. Burroughs died and had lived for more than forty years was built by him.

Mr. Burroughs was a lieutenant in the 16th Infantry, Virginia Volunteers, during a part of the civil war. He also served in Company E, Washington Light Infantry, otherwise known as the Zouaves, for several months during the war.

Mr. Burroughs' family were prominent in the organization of Grace Episcopal Church, more than fifty years ago. Two well known writers, Mrs. E.D.E.N. Southworth and Mrs. John W. Baden (Pinky Henshaw), were cousins of Mr. Burroughs.