

## Benjamin Charlton

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**Charlton.** At his residence, Tuesday, June 12, 1894, at 2 p.m., Benjamin Charlton, in his 73d year. Funeral from Metropolitan M.E. Church, Thursday, June 14, at 4:30 p.m. Friends invited to attend. (Baltimore papers please copy).

*The Washington Post, June 13, 1894, p. 2*

### **Benjamin Charlton Dead**

#### **A Well-known Business Man Who Spent a Long Life in This City**

Benjamin Charlton, one of Washington's oldest citizens and best-known business men, died at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his residence, 1223 M street northwest. The funeral will be held from Metropolitan M.E. Church on Thursday, at 4 o'clock, to which friends are invited. The interment will be at Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Charlton was born in Washington seventy-four years ago, and all his life was spent in the city of his birth. At the time of his death he was the proprietor of Havenner's bakery, a director in the Central National Bank, a trustee of the Metropolitan M.E. Church, and a member of the official board of the new Methodist University. He was known as an enterprising and upright business man, just in all his dealings. He was a prominent figure in his church, where his loss will be deeply felt.

Mr. Charlton left no immediate family, his wife, who was a daughter of the founder of Havenner's bakery, having died a number of years ago. His nearest relatives are two nephews, Edward and Benjamin S. Graves, the former having been his partner in business.

*The Washington Post, June 19, 1894, p. 5*

### **Charlton Will Proved**

#### **Large Bequests and Annuities to Relatives and Something for Charity**

The will of the late Benjamin Charlton, appointing a nephew, Edward Graves, as executor without bonds, was proved yesterday at the register's office. It devises to a niece, Lillie M. Graves, the lot and dwelling house at No. 1223 M street northwest, in fee absolute, and to a sister, Jane Graves, a house and lot at No. 915 N street northwest, in fee absolute. The remaining nieces receive the following sums: Jennie A. Graves, \$25,000; Ann Rebecca Graves, \$25,000; Abbie C. Graves, \$25,000; Josephine H. Cook, \$10,000, and Valera Y. King, \$10,000. Other legacies are \$10,000 to John Charlton, a brother; \$10,000 to Ralph C. Graves, a nephew; a farm in Daviess county, Mo., to Wesley Charlton, a brother, to be given to Abbie Shaw at his death; an annuity of \$500 to Margaret Brosius, to cease at her demise; an annuity for the same amount to Sarah Brewer, and \$1,000 to Allie Bunker, a niece.

The business known as Havenner's bakery, at 472, 474, and 476 C street northwest, with all appurtenances and real estate connected with it is left to Edward Graves and Benjamin S. Graves, two nephews, to be held by them and their heirs forever, Jane Graves, a sister, is given the right to dispose of the remainder of the estate to relatives or to charity, as she may determine.