

Joseph Cochran

(16 Apr 1844 – 8 Dec 1911)

Cochran. On Friday, December 8, 1911 at 6 p.m. at his residence, 725 Florida avenue northeast, after a short illness, Joseph Cochran, aged 67 years. Funeral from his late residence on Monday, December 11 at 1:30 p.m. Interment at Congressional cemetery. Relatives and friends invited to attend (Boston, Mass. and Keene, NH papers please copy).

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Joseph Cochran Dies of Disease of Heart

Civil War Veteran and Mentor of Masonic Order -- Funeral Tomorrow

Joseph Cochran a veteran of the civil war and for forty-four years an employe of the Post Office Department, died of heart disease Friday evening about 6 o'clock at the home, 725 Florida avenue northeast. Although he had been in poor health for two weeks prior to his death, Mr. Cochran had been absent but one day from his desk at the post office, where he was chief of the contract division of the second assistant postmaster general, Dr. H.C. Duffey, Mr. Cochran's physician, had called on his patient just a few hours before his death and members of his family were apprised of the seriousness of his illness, but there was nothing in his condition to indicate death should be expected, and the end came as a shock to his friends.

Was Union Veteran

Mr. Cochran was born in Boston, Mass., April 16, 1844. He enlisted as a private in Company B, 21th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, at the outbreak of the civil war, and was a member of Company G, 15th Regiment Veteran Reserve Corps, and Company I, 7th Regiment, U.S. Veteran Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded in the battle of Gettysburg, and attained the rank of sergeant. On being mustered out at the close of the war he was connected with the War Department for about a year, and then was transferred to the Post Office Department, where he served continuously until the time of his death.

In the more than two-score years of his government service, Mr. Cochran came in contact with many high officials of the federal and state governments, and numbered among his personal friends the late Senator Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia and Richard C. Kerens of St. Louis, now American Ambassador to Austria and Hungary.

Mr. Cochran was for many years active in Masonic circles, being a member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 10, F.A.A.M. He also was a member of the Post Office Department Benefit Association.

Prominent in Republican Party

As a young man in Massachusetts, before entering the ranks of the Union army, Mr. Cochran was prominent in republican political circles, following in the footsteps of his father, who was a member of the state legislature from a Boston district for a number of years.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at his late residence, 725 Florida avenue northeast, with Rev. John E.A. Doermann, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, 13th street between Q and R streets northwest, of which Mr. Cochran was a member officiating.

Services at the grave in Congressional cemetery will be conducted by the Masonic fraternity.

Surviving Mr. Cochran are his wife who was Miss Katherine Parker of Philadelphia, one daughter Mrs. Charles R. Churchman of Wilmington, Delaware and three sons, Richard K. Cochran, Stephen E. Cochran and George S. Cochran, all of this city.

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With Masonic Honors

Joseph Cochran, Post Office Employee, Buried in Congressional Cemetery

Funeral services for Joseph Cochran, veteran of the civil war and for forty-four years an employe of the Post Office Department, who died of heart disease Friday evening at his home, 725 Florida avenue northeast, were held at his late residence this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock with Rev. John E.A. Doermann, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, officiating. The services at the grave in Congressional cemetery were conducted with Masonic ceremonies.

Mr. Cochran was sixty-eight years old, and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Katherine E. Parker Cochran; one daughter, Mrs. Charles R. Churchman of Wilmington, Del., and three sons, Richard K. Cochran, Stephen E. Cochran and George S. Cochran, all of Washington.