

George R. Cook

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A reception will be given in celebration of their golden wedding anniversary by Mr. and Mrs. George R. Cook at their residence, 712 4th street southeast, Wednesday, October 16. Several hundred guests have been invited. The celebrants will received a number of beautiful gifts in token of the occasion.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cook are in good health and happy in the retention of youthful spirits and interests. He was born here in 1839, the son of James R. and Sarah Cook, and has resided here ever since, and seen the development of the National Capital from the time when the stage coach ran from the navy yard gate to Georgetown. Educated in the public schools of the District of Columbia, Mr. Cook was a pupil in an old school on the site of the present Brent School, at 3d and D streets southeast.

Mr. Cook at the age of twenty-three married Miss Annie E. Creighton, daughter of Capt. Sam Creighton of Baltimore. That was during the height of the civil war period. Young Cook had previously answered the first call for 75,000 volunteers and been mustered in as a member of Company B, 4th Battalion, D.C. Volunteers, after having served in he Washington Light Guards under Capt. S.A.H. Marks, jr. With other members of that organization, Mr. Cook participated as guard during the ceremonies attendant upon the inauguration of President Lincoln. Those times were troublous, and it will be remembered that Mr. Lincoln is said to have entered Washington in disguise before the inauguration, and a strong force of regulars and militia, under command of Gen. Winfield Scott, was employed to prevent violence during the inaugural period.

Wed in the midst of the war the Cooks were separated much, for a time, and the twenty-year-old bride became familiar with anxious nights spent awaiting news from the front. Mr. Cook was stationed for some time in forts near Washington. He served as enrolling officer and finally was detailed to duty at the foundry in the Washington navy yard. His service in the yard has been practically continuous since then. For many years he has been, and still is, a master mechanic in Uncle Sam's principal big-gun factory. Despite his seventy-three years, he does a full day's work, supervising 200 men, and keeps up to date on matters connected with his trade. Not long ago he learned steel making.

Mr. Cook is a member of Farragut Post, No. 10, G.A.R. For sixty years he has been an active member of the M.E. Church. He and his wife have for many years attended the old Fourth Street and Trinity M.E. churches where Mr. Cook has been for a quarter of a century recording steward and superintendent of the Sunday schools.

The golden wedding celebration will be participated in by Mr. and Mrs. Cook's only children, Robert E., Harry P. and Elmon A. Cook, and the latter's wives, and by the grandchildren, Misses Julia and Dorothy, daughters of Robert and Elmon Cook, respectively, as well as by many other relatives and friends.

Cook, George R. On Tuesday, August 23, 1932, at his residence 712 4th st. s.e., George R. Cook, in his 93rd year. Funeral from Trinity M.E. Church, 5th and C sts. s.e., Thursday, August 25, at 2 o'clock. Interment Congressional Cemetery.