

Noble Sellman Cook

(- 23 Jun 1944)

Cook, Noble Sellman. On Friday, June 23, 1944, Noble Sellman Cook of 3704 40th pl., Cottage City, Md., husband of the late Dorothy V. Cook and father of Mrs. Minnie M. Botts, Albert S. Cook, Mrs. Marie Etchison, Mrs. Rth Bland and Charles W. Cook. Services at Chambers' Riverdale funeral home on Monday, June 26, at 1:30 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Retired Policeman, Who Reprimanded U.S. President, Dies

Noble S. Cook, 88, retired policeman at the Zoo, died Friday at his home, 3704 Fortieth place, Cottage City, Md. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow at Chambers Funeral Home, Riverdale, Md. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Cook served at the Zoo for 42 years, retiring in 1931. During his service, his family reported, he became the friend of many prominent national figures, among them President Theodore Roosevelt and the late Senator Borah.

He met President Roosevelt when the latter was describing the Zoo to a group of young people. The President broke off his remarks to the boys and girls and started to climb some rocks nearby. Mr. Cook, unaware of his identity, rushed up and scolded him for violating Zoo rules. The President took the reprimand silently and walked off. A few minutes later Secret Service men assigned to the President told Mr. Cook his "victim's" identity. When the President left the park shortly afterward, he stopped and congratulated Mr. Cook on his vigilance.

Mr. Cook was born in Ann Arundel County, Md., and worked as a farmer there until he came to Washington to work for the Zoo in 1889.

He is survived by five children: Mrs. Minnie M. Botts, Albert S. Cook, Mrs. Marie M. Etchison, Mrs. Ruth Bland and Pvt. Charles W. Cook, U.S.A., now at Camp Maxey, Tex. All are residents of Washington.