

William Weaver Danenhower

(22 Feb 1820 – 31 May 1894)

Danenhower. Departed this life after a lingering illness, at his residence, on Monday, May 28, 1894, at 4:45 a.m., William Weaver Danenhower, in the 75th year of his age. Funeral services will be held in Christ Church, Navy Yard, Wednesday, May 30, at 4 p.m. Interment at Congressional Cemetery. Friends respectfully invited to attend. Please omit flowers.

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W.W. Danenhower Dead

The End of a Useful and Honorable Career

At an early hour this morning Mr. William Weaver Danenhower breathed his last at his residence, North Carolina avenue and 6th street southeast. While the news of his death will come with a sense of personal loss to a large circle who knew and loved the deceased, it will not be received with great surprise, for those who were near to Mr. Danenhower were aware that he was gradually failing. In fact, since the accident of two years ago, when he broke one of the bones in his leg, he has not enjoyed his usual health. For more than thirty years Mr. Danenhower has been a resident of this city. He was identified with its interests, and his high character and his general popularity made the influence of his presence and the value of his advice sought for on occasions of public moment.

He was born in Philadelphia on the 22d of December, 1820, and his family had made that city, or rather Germantown, their home for many years. In 1849 Mr. Danenhower left Philadelphia and went to Chicago as the representative of the publishing house of Harpers. He became interested in politics and took such an active and prominent part in the first Lincoln campaign, that after the election he was invited by Mr. Lincoln to Washington, and was appointed acting fourth auditor and chief clerk. After holding this position for a short time, he resigned and went into the claim business in this city. In 1879, in connection with his son, Washington Danenhower, he engaged in the real estate business, from which he retired in the year 1888.

He has lived a life of leisure ever since, having massed a competence, his property being largely real estate in this city. For a number of years he lived in the old Chain House, which is now the Fredonia Hotel, and which was his property. He leaves a wife, four sons and two daughters to mourn his loss. His children are Joseph E. of Chicago, Charles, W.W. jr., and Washington Danenhower of this city, Mrs. John W. Schenck and Mrs. Frank L. Williams of this city. The funeral services will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at Christ Church, near the Navy Yard.

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Funeral of W.W. Danenhower

The Grand Encampment, Mt. Nebo Encampment and Grand Canton, No. 1, I.O.O.F., met at Odd Fellows' Hall, 7th street northwest, last evening, for the purpose of taking suitable action in regard to the funeral of Past Grand Master W.W. Danenhower. Committees were appointed to confer with similar committees from the Grand Lodge, Veteran Association and Washington Lodge, which meet tonight at Odd Fellows' Hall. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from Christ Church, East Washington, and will be attended by the several bodies of Odd Fellows of which deceased has long been a member, having represented his jurisdiction in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and also being a past grand master.

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Locals

Mr. W.W. Danenhower is having copies taken from the two photographs received by him from his son, Lieut. Danenhower, last Saturday. They were taken September 17, 1881, at Yakutz.--one representing the party upon their arrival at the place after nine months absence from civilization, and the other their appearance after "fixing up," The six men, Lieut Danenhower, R.L. Newcomb (taxidermist), Jacob Cale, Herbert Leitch, Henry Wilson, seamen, and Tong Sing, steward, appear from the pictures to be in good physical condition.