

## William H. Davis

(1842 – 2 Nov 1924)

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**Davis.** Sunday, November 2, 1924, at 3:15 a.m., at his residence, 1664 Columbia rd. n.w., Apartment 21, William H. Davis, beloved husband of Beulah T. Davis. Funeral from his late residence on Tuesday, November 4, at 2 o'clock p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment private.

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### **W.J. Davis, Noted Map Maker for U.S., Expires**

#### **Dies Suddenly While Listening to Radio Program; in Federal Service 63 Years**

William J. Davis, noted map-maker, for 63 years a member of the staff of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, died suddenly Saturday evening at his home, 1664 Columbia road.

Mr. Davis was 84 years old, but had been in good health except for a heart affection. Saturday evening he had been listening to a radio concert until 10:30, when he was stricken.

Entering the Coast and Geodetic Survey when he was 17 years old, Mr Davis was a member of early field expeditions of the survey. Later he became a cartographer and he had a part in making many of the Survey's maps, which still are authoritative and notable examples of the map engraver's art.

When he retired from the Government service, at the age of 80 years high honor was paid him by Government officials and his associates presented him with a handsomely engraved gold watch.

Mr. Davis is survived by his wife, Mrs. Beulah Davis; three children, two of whom, Mrs. Ethel Davis Whitaker and Mrs. William D. Sullivan, live in Washington, and a son, William J. Davis, whose home is at Glen Ridge, N.J. He also **leaves** a sister, Mrs. Eliza Leman of Washington.

Funeral services will be at the home on Columbia road tomorrow at 2 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Edward Hayes officiating. Interment will be at Congressional Cemetery.

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### **DAVIS, WILLIAM H.**

Engraver active in Washington, DC during the period 1865-1872. EF: WCD (1865, 1872).