

## George Francis Dawson

(1835 – 22 May 1893)

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**Dawson.** On Monday, May 22, 1893, at his residence, 217 A street southeast, George Francis Dawson, beloved husband of Rosalie Ann Dawson. Funeral Thursday, May 25, at 5 p.m. from St. James' Church. [New York and Chicago papers please copy.]

*The Evening Star, May 23, 1893*

### **A Well-Known Citizen of East Washington Passes Away**

Geo. Francis Dawson, one of the leading citizens of the city, died yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at his home, 227 A street southeast, of apoplexy. About three weeks ago he was taken ill with the grip and when he recovered was in a very weak condition. Last Friday a week the doctor told him that he might go down stairs for the first time. While he was dressing for breakfast he fell with a stroke of apoplexy. His wife, hearing the fall and fearing something had happened, hastened upstairs and found him stretched upon the floor. The doctor was summoned, and it was found that Mr. Dawson had been paralyzed on the left side, his brain in part affected. He lingered ten days, with occasional returns to consciousness, and yesterday afternoon passed quietly away. He was in the fifty-ninth year of his age and leaves a family of a wife and three children. The funeral will take place from St. James' Church next Thursday.

### *His Late Colleagues*

On learning of the death of Mr. Dawson the assessor and board of revision met this morning in the office of the assessor and unanimously adopted a resolution setting forth that in the sudden demise of Mr. Dawson this city is deprived of a citizen conscientious in the discharge of his official duties, and whose sterling qualities commanded the admiration of his friends, and tendering to his family sincere condolence in their sad affliction.

### *His Life*

Mr. Dawson was one of the best known of Washington citizens and his death will be deeply regretted. By birth Mr. Dawson was an Englishman, but his early arrival in this country and entire sympathy with American ideas rendered him as truly a citizen of the United States as if his ancestors had lived here for generations. Early in his career in this country Mr. Dawson did journalistic work on the Pacific coast. Afterward coming to this city he was employed for many years under the Senate. Always interested in politics the deceased has rendered efficient services in the party with which he affiliated. For several campaigns he acted as editor for the national republican committee's campaign text book. Mr. Dawson has been an energetic and able exponent of the greater Washington, and his time and abilities were always at the service of the city of his adoption. East Washington especially owes a debt of gratitude to the dead man. Since its formation he has been an active and useful member of the East Washington Citizens' Association, of which for many years he was president, resigning only because his sense of fitness pointed to that action, at the time he was appointed a member of the board of assessors to make the recent new assessment of real estate. Mr. Dawson was appointed to this board in May, 1891, and served as a member until the new assessment was completed not long ago.