

## Samuel DeVaughn

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### **Death of Samuel DeVaughn**

Mr. Samuel DeVaughn, an old and well-known resident of the Third Ward, died last evening at his residence on E street, near 9th. Mr. DeVaughn was a native of Alexandria, and had resided here for many years, having in the meantime become possessed of quite a large amount of property, a large portion of which, it is stated, he intended to have left to the Masonic order of the District; but we believe he did not consummate the transfer. He has no immediate family, and his nearest relatives, who will inherit the property, are his nephews.

*The Evening Star, July 8, 1867*

### **Funeral of Mr. DeVaughn**

The funeral of the late Samuel DeVaughn took place from his late residence, on E street, near 9th, yesterday afternoon, and was very largely attended, among others number of our oldest citizens being present. Columbia R.A. Chapter, No. 15, and B.B. French Lodge, No. 15, of Masons, attended in carriages, and after the services had been concluded at the house by Rev. T.B. McFalls, of the Assembly's Presbyterian Church, the cortege proceeded to the Congressional Cemetery, where the remains were interred with Masonic services, conducted by Companion E.L. Stevens. Messrs. Milburn, Smith, J. Brown, Oates, of the Lodge, and Messrs. Boswell, Nutze, Humer, Edwards, of the Chapter, officiated as pall-bearers.

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The Judge in the case of the contested will of the late Samuel DeVaughn, which has been argued for some time by Judge Hughes for the contestants and Mr. M. Thompson for the proponents, rendered his decision, in which he said:--The law points out the mode of making wills, and also the mode of revoking wills. The attesting proved the perfect sanity of the testator, and the scrivener who drew the will proves that it was made in accordance with the wishes of the testator, and the testator, but a few days before his death, point to this as his will. It is true he intended to make another will, but he had not done so.

The judge in his opinion referred to several decisions by other courts and fully explained the law bearing on such cases. He was complimented by several members of the bar at the conclusion of the opinion.