

William Edward Dement **(22 May 1827 – 27 Dec 1903)**

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Hero of Mexican War

William Edward Dement, Aged Resident Passes Away

Native of State of Maryland, but Resident of District for Past 13 Years

Edward Dement, one of the oldest residents of Maryland, but who lived for the past thirteen years in this city, died about midnight Saturday, December 26 at his residence, 319 D street northeast, after a short illness.

The deceased was born in Charles county, Md., May 22, 1827, and was a member of one of the best known families of that state, his father having been John Edward Dement, and his mother Rebecca Dent Briscoe. At the age of 19 he enlisted in the United States army and served throughout the Mexican War.

In his early years Mr. Dement took an active part in the politics of his native state, and filled a number of local offices with credit and ability, but the greater portion of his life was spent on his farm.

In 1851 he married Eliza Wolfe, a cousin of the late Alexander R. Shepherd, with whom he lived in perfect companionship for more than fifty years, her death having occurred about ten months ago. Three sons and five daughters survive him. They are John G. and Charles E. Dement, Mrs. T.A. Burch, Mrs. W.L. Padgett and Mrs. G.M. Clagett of this city, William L. Dement and Mrs. B.H. Padgett of La Plata, Md., and Mrs. J. Benjamin Mattingly of Laurel, Md. Mr. Dement leaves a large circle of relatives and personal friends, by whom he was greatly esteemed, and who knowing and appreciating his many good qualities, will sincerely mourn his death.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock p.m. yesterday at his late residence and the interment was made in Congressional cemetery.