

## Richard Newton Donaldson

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**Donaldson.** Suddenly, Wednesday, May 12, 1926 at Georgetown University Hospital, Richard Newton, beloved husband of Valerie Finnell Donaldson. Funeral services at the Epiphany Church Saturday afternoon, May 15, at 2 p.m. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

**Donaldson.** The members of the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia are requested to attend the funeral of our late associate member Richard N. Donaldson from the Church of the Epiphany Saturday, May 15 at 2 p.m.

Theodore W. Noyes, President

J. Elliot Wright, Secretary

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### **Operation Fatal To R.N. Donaldson**

#### **Prominent Practicing Attorney for 33 Years Dies at G.U. Hospital**

Richard Newton Donaldson, well-known lawyer who had practiced here for the past 33 years, died at Georgetown University Hospital yesterday following an operation. He was a member of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia and of the Society of Natives.

#### *Graduate of Georgetown*

Mr. Donaldson, who was 54 years old, began the practice of law soon after his graduation from Georgetown University in the class of 1892. He was graduated at the age of 20, with highest honors, receiving a gold medal for excellence in his work. He received his early education in the public schools and was graduated from Central High School.

Receiving his early training in the law office of the late Justice C.C. Cole, Mr. Donaldson attained a knowledge of law which enabled him to handle successfully important cases when still a very young man. He had practiced before all of the District Courts and the Supreme Court of the United States. He was a member of the District Bar Association and of the Royal Arcanum.

#### *Surviving Members of Family*

Mr. Donaldson was a brother of R. Golden Donaldson, president of the Commercial National Bank, and also of Raymond S. Donaldson, real estate dealer. He also is survived by his wife, Mrs. Valerie Finnell Donaldson and a sister, Mrs. Blanche E. Shepperson, of this city. He was the son of the late Benjamin S. and Mrs. Fannie L. Donaldson.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Church of the Epiphany Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery. A list of pallbearers and other details for the funeral are to be announced later.

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### **R.N. Donaldson Buried**

#### **Funeral of Local Attorney Held at Church of Epiphany**

The funeral of Richard Newton Donaldson, a member of the Board of Trade, was held at the Church of the Epiphany yesterday afternoon. Rev. Z.B. Phillips, the rector, conducted the service and delivered the eulogy. Interment was in the Congressional Cemetery.

The honorary pallbearers were: Judge Gus A. Schuldt, George L Whitford, Albert Harper, Charles H. Bowman, Chapin B Bowman, W.H. Fisher, U.B. White and Augustus Fant. The active pallbearers were: Frank H. Cottler, E.H. Wall, Paul Plant, Dr. George W Cox, jr., J. Edward Clarke and James A. Purley.