

Charles S. Draper (Sr.) **(-10 Sep 1908)**

Draper. Departed this life on Thursday, September 10, 1908 at 3:15 p.m. at his residence, 325 A street southeast, Charles S. Draper in his 70th year. Funeral from his late residence at 3 p.m., Saturday, September 12 (Baltimore, Md. and Detroit, Mich. papers please copy).

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Senate's Oldest Clerk Dead **Charles S. Draper Employed There Since 1852** **Had Held Many Important Posts on the Capital Staff --** **Seventy Years of Age**

Charles S. Draper, the oldest employe of the Senate, died at his home, 325 A street southeast, yesterday afternoon. He was in his seventieth year. He had been failing in health for several months past.

Mr. Draper spent his entire business life in the Capitol. His name appears on the records of the Senate as far back as 1852.

When a young man he worked in various offices of the Senate. In the early sixties he was appointed to the post of doorkeeper and messenger for Sergeant-at-Arms Brown. In this position he became known to every senator and official whose business carried him to the Senate. Mr. Draper finally became the confidential man of the sergeant-at-arms.

He was looked upon by the senators comprising the District committee as an ideal man to attend to the affairs concerning the city and District. Upon the appointment of Senator McMillan as chairman of the District committee, Mr. Draper was transferred to service with the senator.

In this position he became widely known to every newspaper man and many business men in Washington besides gaining the confidence of the senators on the committee.

Senator McMillan was succeeded by Senator Gallinger several years ago as chairman of the committee. Mr. Draper was transferred to the important post at the door of the diplomatic gallery. This was looked upon by senators and employes alike as a distinct honor.

Mr. Draper then began to form his wide acquaintance with members of the diplomatic corps, and was as well known by them as by senators and other men of national importance. In this last position he frequently entertained diplomats with interesting stories of American political life and was looked upon by them as a mine of information on senatorial topics.

His widow and three sons survive.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the family residence, 325 A street southeast. Interment will be in Congressional cemetery.

The pallbearers will be Richard B. Nixon, Charles N. Richards, George Boyd, W. Andy Smith, Peter M. Wilson and James Crystal.

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C.S. Draper's Funeral **Body of Oldest Senate Employe Laid to Rest**

Attended by many of his lifelong friends, funeral services over the body of Charles S. Draper, the oldest of the Senate employes, who died Thursday, were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at his late

residence, 325 A street southeast. Rev. J.G. Butler, pastor of Luther Place Memorial Church, and formerly chaplain of the Senate, officiated. Interment was private in Congressional cemetery.

The pallbearers were chosen from Mr. Draper's associates in the Senate, and were Richard B. Nixon, George Boyd, James Crystal, E.C. Stubbs and Thomas Dawson.

Mr. Draper was in the employ of the Senate fifty-seven years, during which time he became personally acquainted with every senator that came to Washington. He attended the funeral of nearly every great statesman and President during that time.

His wife and three sons survive him.