

George Duval, Sr. (8 Sep 1842 - 11 Nov 1915)

Duval. Departed this life after a short illness, on Thursday, November 11, 1915, at 12:35 p.m., at his residence, 456 Maryland avenue southwest, George Duval, beloved husband of Isabella Duval. Funeral services at his late residence, Monday, November 15, at 2:30 p.m. Interment in Congressional cemetery. Friends and relatives invited to attend.

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George Duval Succumbs To Attack of Pneumonia

Noted Cabinet Maker, Veteran of Civil War and Long a Resident of Washington

George Duval, seventy-three years old, veteran cabinet maker, who is said to have built the desk in Vice President Marshall's office at the Capitol; who was a veteran of the civil war and resident of Washington for half a century, died yesterday at his home, 456 Maryland avenue southwest. He became ill Monday afternoon of pneumonia, which proved fatal. Friends say that Mr. Duval had hardly been ill a day in his life prior to the final attack. Funeral services have not been arranged.

Was Native of France

Mr. Duval was born in Bordeaux, France, September 9, 1842. He came to the United States when he was about twenty years old, and enlisted in Company D, 16th Massachusetts Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war. He was held a prisoner in Libby prison at Richmond for eleven months.

He had resided in Washington since civil war days, plying his trade of cabinet maker, at the same time collecting a library which was the delight of himself and of his friends. His collection of books embraced many rare volumes. In recent months Mr. Duval, it is said, took special interest in the European war situation, and he was considered an authority on details of the conflict.

Noted as Cabinet Maker

As a cabinet maker he hardly had a peer in the city, it is said. Much of his work is in the Capitol, including the desk mentioned. He retired from business several years ago, devoting himself to his books.

He was one of the oldest members of the Metropolitan M.E. Church, and a member of the Royal Arcanum and of the Order of Heptasophs.

He was married in this city to Isabella Bell in 1870. Besides his wife, a son, George Duval, jr., and two daughters, Mrs. John Robey and Mrs. John H. Pullman, are living.