

## Daniel A. Edwards

(5 Mar 1863 – 2 Dec 1922)

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**Edwards.** Saturday, December 2, 1922, at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., Daniel A., beloved husband of Octavia Edwards (nee Thompson), in his 60th year. Services at his late residence, 904 Pa. Ave. s.e., Tuesday, December 5, at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Interment (private) Congressional cemetery.



D. A. EDWARDS.

**Edwards.** Members of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants are requested to attend the funeral of our late associate member, D.A. Edwards, from his late residence, No. 904 Pa. ave. s.e., Tuesday, December 5, at 11 a.m.

Theodore W. Noyes, President  
J. Eliot Wright, Secretary

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### **Daniel Edwards Dies**

#### **Veteran Operator Worked for Phone Firms Here 42 Years**

Daniel A. Edwards, fifty-nine years old, one of the first telephone operators in Washington, and who was engaged in the telephone business for more than forty-two years in the capital, died early this morning at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, following an operation.

Mr. Edwards, who was supervisor of supplies of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, lived at 904 Pennsylvania avenue southeast. He went to the Baltimore hospital several weeks ago after a short illness.

Mr. Edwards entered the ranks of the National Capital Telephone Company as a switchboy when seventeen years old, when there were only a dozen or so telephone employes and only about 200 telephone lines in the District of Columbia. After the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company was organized, he placed telephones in the homes of many prominent Washingtonians.

The first private branch exchanges in the Capitol and the pension office were his work. He installed instruments in the James G. Blaine mansion at 20th and P streets northwest; in the home of Gardiner G. Hubbard, the father-in-law of Alexander Graham Bell, and in many of the prominent government officials' homes.

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### **Daniel A. Edwards To Be Buried Tuesday**

#### **Body to Be Brought From Baltimore for Services at Home in Southeast**

Funeral services for Daniel A. Edwards, who died yesterday at Baltimore, will be held at the family residence, 904 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. Burial is to be at Congressional cemetery.

One of the first telephone operators in Washington, Mr. Edwards was born here March 5, 1863. He was a member of the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants. For the past fifteen years he was secretary of the council of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. He was superintendent of the Sunday school for a number of years.

For many years he was a member of Acacia Lodge, No. 18, F.A.A.M., and also a member of Hiram Chapter, No. 10, Royal Arch Masons.

Mr. Edwards is survived by his widow, Mrs. Octavia Edwards; two daughters, Mrs. Stanley Payne of this city and Mrs. Rex Taylor of New York city, and a sister, Mrs. August W. Noack, sr., of this city.