

Jonas B. Ellis

(- 19 Sep 1887)

Ellis. On September 19, 1887 at 8 a.m., Jonas B. Ellis in his 72d year. Funeral from his late residence, 1306 B street southwest, Wednesday at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends respectfully invited.

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Funeral of Jonas B. Ellis An Old Citizen Who Was Prominent Before The War Buried In Congressional Cemetery

Mr. Jonas B. Ellis, an old and respected citizen street southwest, on Monday morning last, aged 71 years. Mr. Ellis was a native of Virginia, but came to East Washington when a youth, and learning the business of engineer and machinist in the Navy Yard worked there for many years, the latter part of the time as quartermaster under his brother, the late W.M. Ellis, master machinist. For many years he was an active fireman, and was the president of the old Anacostia Fire Company. He represented the old Sixth Ward in the Board of Common Council thirty five years ago, and after moving to South Washington he was sent to the same board from that section. He also served several terms as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools. As a member of the councils he was zealous in his advocacy of the public-school interests and the fire department. He was chairman of the committee on fire department when the transition was made from the old volunteer system to the paid department, and it was owing to his efforts, in a great measure, that the new system was adopted. In politics Mr. Ellis was an old-line whig, and was a warm admirer of Presidents Taylor and Fillmore, serving under the latter as warden of the old penitentiary. Before the war, with his brother, he embarked in the foundry and machine business, on Ohio avenue, near 13th street, but retired therefrom some years since, and the latter part of his life he passed in comparative quietness, at his home, on B street south. His funeral took place this afternoon, and was attended by a large number of the old families of the city. Rev. Joseph T. Kelly, of the Fourth Presbyterian church, officiated, and the interment was at the Congressional Cemetery.