

Richard M.A. Fenwick (- 10 Apr 1907)

Fenwick. On Wednesday, April 10, 1907 at 9 a.m., Richard M.A. Fenwick. Funeral private at 2 p.m., Friday, April 12 from his late residence, 208 H street northwest, Friday April 12 at 2 p.m.

Allison Naylor, jr., President

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Was Veteran of Two Wars

Richard M.A. Fenwick Dies in His Eighty-Second Year

Was a Soldier Against Mexico and of District Regiment in Civil Strife

Richard M.A. Fenwick, one of the oldest residents of the capital city and a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, died at 9 o'clock this morning at the family residence, 208 H street northwest. The cause of death was general debility. The deceased, who retired from an active business life nearly twenty years ago, was in his eighty-second year. For several months it was observed that his health was gradually failing and several weeks ago he became unable to leave his bed, gradually declining until the end came.

The deceased was a son of Richard Fenwick, who for many years in the early life of Washington was a paymaster in the post office. Early in life he learned the painting trade and took up his residence in the house in which he died, and which at that time was the only habitation within several squares. October 11, 1849, Mr. Fenwick married Miss Emeline L. Killmon of this city. Three years previous to that time he had entered the army formed for the war with Mexico, and at the close of hostilities came to this city. At the outbreak of the civil war Mr. Fenwick enlisted in the 2d Battalion of the District of Columbia Volunteers as a private in Company A, commanded by Capt. E.C. Carrington.

This battalion was one of the first to respond to President Lincoln's call for volunteers, and performed valiant service in the matter of guarding the bridges and approaches to the capital city. His wife, a son, daughter and granddaughter, Charles M. Fenwick, Mrs. Willard D. Jewell and Miss Lavinia Jewell, respectively, survive him. For several years Mr. Fenwick was connected with the secret service. Later in life he became a member of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia and of John A. Rawlins Post, No. 1, Department of the Potomac, G.A.R. He always took a great interest in the movements of the army and navy.

The funeral will take place from the family residence at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Rev. Dr. J.J. Muir, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, will conduct the services. The interment will be in Congressional cemetery.