

William Freer

(19 Mar 1854 – 2 Mar 1918)

Freer. On Saturday, March 2, 1918, at 4 p.m., at the residence of his son, G. Albert Freer, 161 V street northeast, William beloved husband of Elizabeth Freer. Funeral Tuesday, March 5, at 2 p.m., from Lincoln Road M.E. Church. Friends and relatives invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

The Evening Star, March 4, 1918, p. 7

William Freer Dies At Home Of His Son

Long-Time Resident and Government Employe Succumbs to Complication of Diseases

William Freer, a long-time resident and government employe of Washington, died Saturday afternoon from a complication of diseases at the residence of his son, G.A. Freer, 161 V street northeast. He had been in ill health for a number of years and critically ill for the past four months.

Mr. Freer was born in Baltimore March 19, 1854. His father, William Freer, at one time was employed in the navy yard and served in the civil war.

Mr. Freer entered the service of the State Department in 1885 as a tinsmith, and when that shop was abolished he became messenger to Alvey A. Adee, second assistant secretary of state, whom he served for a number of years. He also served as messenger to Secretaries of State John Hay and Elihu Root, and later became connected with the division of foreign intelligence of the State Department.

Mr. Freer is survived by his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Freer, and five sons, James F. Freer, G. Albert Freer, Charles C. Freer, Harry L. Freer and Robert F. Freer, the latter recently appointed vice consul at Bristol, England.