

## Caesar Rodney Gary

(1863 – 8 Nov 1930)

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**Gary, Rodney C.** On Saturday, November 8, 1930, Rodney C. Gary, aged 67 years, beloved brother of Mrs. Paul Anderson of 1735 New Hampshire ave. n.w. Funeral services Tuesday, November 11, at 2 p.m., from Hysong's funeral home, 1300 N st. n.w. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

*The Evening Star, November 9, 1930, p. A7*

Maj. C. Rodney Gary, 67 years old of 1735 New Hampshire avenue, died yesterday following a long illness.

Maj. Gary was a cadet for two years at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. Subsequently he was an officer of one of the military companies of Galveston until June 1883, when he entered the United States Military Academy at West Point.

He came to Washington after three years at West Point and here he was commissioned a major of the 4th Battalion, District Militia, by President Cleveland. He later was made major of the 2d Battalion by President Harrison.

Shortly after coming to Washington Maj. Gary entered the civil service and was employed in the Ordnance Department of the War Department. When he was retired for disability in 1926, Maj. Gary was in the finance office of the War Department.

He is survived by three sisters, Miss Wilmuth Gary and Mrs. Emil A. Gathman of Catonsville, Md. And Mrs. Paul Anderson of Washington.

Funeral services will be conducted at Hysong's Funeral Parlors, 1300 N street at 2 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery where graveside Masonic services will be held by Dawson Lodge No. 16, F.A.A.M. of which Maj. Gary was long a member.

*The Washington Post, November 9, 1930, p. M8*

### **Maj. C.R. Gary Dies After Long Illness**

#### **Descendant of Delaware Signer of Declaration of Independence**

#### **Masons To Hold Rites**

Descendant of a signer of the declaration of Independence, Maj. C. Rodney Gary, for many years connected with the War Department, died yesterday morning after a long illness at his home, 1735 New Hampshire avenue northwest.

He was a great-great-grandnephew of Caesar Rodney, of Delaware, signer of the Declaration of Independence. His great-great-grandfather, the brother of Caesar Rodney, was Col. Thomas Rodney, of American Revolutionary War fame. He was the great-grandson of Caesar A. Rodney, Attorney general under Presidents Jefferson and Madison.

#### *Was Native of Texas*

On his father's side he was descended from Col. Richard Lee, first attorney general of Virginia, and of the Dibrell and Watson families of Virginia.

A native of Plantersville, Tex., he was educated in private schools and for two year attended Texas A. and M. College before entering the United states Military Academy in 1883. After three years there he withdrew and came to Washington, where he made his home continuously. He was subsequently

commissioned a major of the Fourth Battalion, district Militia, by President Cleveland, and later a major of the Second Battalion by President Harrison.

*Served in Ordnance Office*

He served in the Ordnance Office of the War Department for many years, but was employed in its Finance Department when he was retired for disability.

He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Paul Anderson, of this city, and both Miss Wilmuth Gary and Mrs. Emil A. Gathmann, of Catonsville, Md.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Hysong's funeral home, 1303 N Street Northwest, with interment in Congressional Cemetery under the direction of Dawson Lodge of Masons, of which he had been a member for many years.