

## Jacob Gideon

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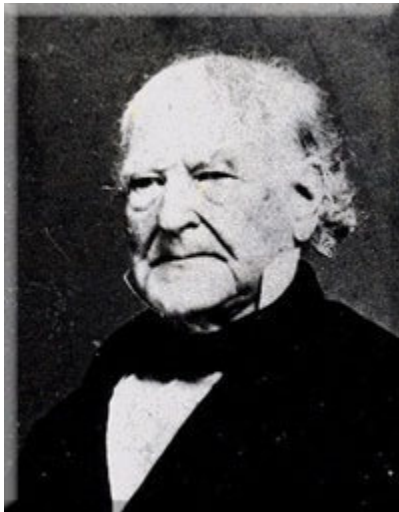
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**Gideon.** On the afternoon of February 24, Jacob Gideon, in the 76th year of his age. His friends are invited to attend his funeral on tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 3 o'clock from his late residence, No. 468 7th street.

*The Evening Star, February 25, 1864*

### Death of an Esteemed Citizen

The announcement of the death of the venerable Jacob Gideon will cause surprise as well as regret, throughout the community, as, though advanced in years, his general health through life has been remarkably good and to many the first intimation of his illness will be the news of his demise. He was not regarded as in a dangerous condition until Sunday last, when it appeared that the powers of nature were giving way, and that he was closing in the final conflict, which he met with Christian fortitude and resignation.



Mr. Gideon has been a resident of Washington for sixty years, and during this long period constantly and efficiently identified himself with the interest, the growth, and the prosperity of the city. Having, by his capacity and industry acquired a large private fortune, he was in a condition to foster and promote all public charities, and to serve in many stations of public responsibility for the welfare of the community.

For the past thirty years Mr. Gideon has been an active and prominent member and official bearer in the Presbyterian Church, ever ready with open heart and hand to all good works. It was under his roof that the Fourth Presbyterian Church, on Ninth street, was organized, and he ever gave to the cause of Christianity a warm and undivided support. He died in connection with the First Presbyterian Church, where his children, were baptized, and to which he turned in his last days with many memories of the past.

Mr. Gideon was one of the early members of the Columbia Typographical Society having joined it in January, 1815, the night of the adoption of its constitution and permanent organization.

His loss will be deeply felt in the many relations he sustained to the community, as well as in the circle of his family now prostrate by this heavy stroke.

*The Evening Star, February 27, 1864*

### Funeral of the Late Jacob Gideon

The funeral of the late Jacob Gideon took place yesterday afternoon from his residence on 7th street near F, and was largely attended especially by his

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### The Estate of Jacob Gideon

In the Orphans' Court (Judge Purcell) today, George S. Gideon and Juliana Gideon were qualified as executors of the estate of the late Jacob Gideon deceased and they gave bond in the sum of \$250,000 Millard Drake, Marshall Brown, Joseph T. Brown and Richard Wallach becoming their securities.

Kelly, Rev. Joseph Thomas, "**Rev. John C. Smith, D.D., and Other Pioneer Presbyterian Ministers of Washington**", *Columbia Historical Society, Vol. 24, p. 123-124*

This brings us to the Fourth Church, so named because of the much-to-be-deplored method of numerically naming our churches. It was the fourth organized in the City of Washington, the corporation of Georgetown being a separate municipality. He was organized by a little company of 23 people from the Second Church, which had just lost its pastor, Dr. Daniel Baker, and had failed to call Dr. Danforth, whom some desired. The meeting for organization was held in the home of Jacob Gideon and his wife Mary, on 7th Street. They were the outstanding figures, not only of that early time, but for many years afterwards. He and Anthony Preston, another of the men of that early time were not members of the church when it was organized, but from the beginning they were strong friends of the church, both financially and by the influence of their personal standing in the community. Mr. Gideon was the first treasurer of the board of trustees.

P. 129 -- Jacob Gideon and Anthony Preston, neither of them at the time of the organization of the church, members of it, but both of them soon in its membership, and then elected to the Eldership and serving the church with singular fidelity and loving zeal. They gave each \$1,000 for the new building, and Jacob Gideon gave the beautifully embossed and engraved communion service, which the church still holds as one of its chief treasures.

*The Evening Star, January 29, 1863*

### **Robbing A Grave Yard**

Some scoundrel or scoundrels on Saturday night last entered the Congressional Cemetery and robbed it of two beautiful marble figures--one from the family lot of Jacob Gideon, Esq., being a statue about three feet high, in a standing position, with the hands folded across the breast, representing, Meditation, the other from the family lot of George Parker, Esq., being the figure of an infant, about twenty inches long, reclining on its right arm and side.