

James A. Gordon

(- 12 Jun 1864)

Gordon. On the 12th instant at 9:30 p.m., James A. Gordon, aged 50 years. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from his late residence on M street between 9 and 10th, Navy Yard, to which the friends of the family are invited to attend.

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Dead. Mr. James A. Gordon, who, during the past two years served as a member of the Board of Aldermen, from the Sixth Ward, died at his residence on M street south, near 9th east, last evening of consumption, having been confined to his house the greater part of four months. Mr. Gordon was in his 50th year, and was universally respected for his noble traits of character, among which were a strong religious feeling and a love of family and home. He has filled many prominent positions, and was for a long series of years a member of the Common Council, faithfully representing his constituents. He was also for a number of years president of the Anacostia Fire Company, of which he remained an active member to his death. Mr. Gordon was early left fatherless, and his neighbors, among whom he was raised, well remember his devotion to his surviving parent.

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Funeral of Mr. Gordon.

The funeral of the late James A. Gordon took place from his residence on M street south, yesterday afternoon, and was largely attended, a numerous body of friends and relatives following the remains to the Congressional Cemetery, where they were interred.

The procession was composed of the Navy Yard Beneficial Society (now nearly 50 years old), American Hook and Ladder Company, Anacostia Fire Company (of which the deceased was for many years president, and at the time of his death the treasurer), with the Marine Band Eastern Lodge, No. 7, and Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. (with music), and members of the city government. A large number of the fellow workmen of the deceased were also in line--the blacksmiths' department, Navy Yard, of which the deceased was quartermaster, being closed yesterday afternoon that they might attend the funeral.

The corpse was placed in a handsome coffin, on the breast of which was the regalia of the Odd Fellows and a number of beautiful wreaths.

The services were conducted by Rev. H.N. Sipes, of the East Washington Methodist Church, and Parker H. Sweet, Grand Chaplain of the Odd Fellows, after which the solemn cortege proceeded to the Cemetery where they were interred, the bell of the Anacostia tolling meanwhile. The engine house was heavily draped in mourning, and the flag of the company was displayed at half-mast.

The following were the pall-bearers: P.G.'s W. Hall and E. Mudd, of the Grand Lodge Brothers H. Grant and T. Clements, of Eastern Lodge W.A. Nicholson and Joseph Frederick, of the Anacostia, and John Smith and John Smallwood, of the Beneficial Society.