

William A. Griffith

(1808 – 24 Feb 1889)

Griffith. Suddenly, at his late residence, No. 723 Ninth street northwest, Sunday, afternoon, February 24, 1889, William A. Griffith, in the 83d year of his age. Funeral private, Tuesday afternoon.

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Mr. William A. Griffith, one of the oldest citizens of Washington, died suddenly at his late residence, No. 723 9th street northwest, yesterday afternoon. Though born in Baltimore, Mr. Griffith had lived in this city for over fifty years. For many years before the war he carried on the marble business, and some of the finest monuments in the Congressional cemetery are the work of his artistic taste. In recent years he has been engaged in the manufacture of proprietary medicines, of which he was the inventor. He was in his eighty-third year and was considered remarkably vigorous, both mentally and physically, for one of his advanced age. His sudden death was a great shock to his family, and will be deeply regretted by his many friends. He leaves a widow, three sons and a daughter, the wife of Dr. Franklin T. Howe.

McMahan, Virgil E. The Artists of Washington, DC, 1796-1996. The Artists of Washington, Washington, DC, 1995.

GRIFFITH, WILLIAM A.

Sculptor and marble cutter born in Maryland in 1808. By 1845 he had moved to Washington, DC and was active as a sculptor as early as 1858 to at least 1872. He was deceased by 1892. REFS: CENSUS (1860) WCDD (1858, 1865, 1872 1877) WCD (1892, his widow, Frances E.)