

James Halley

(21 Jun 1829 – 2 Mar 1926)

Halley. Tuesday, March 2, 1926 at 9:30 p.m. at his residence, 627 7th street southwest, James husband of the late Helen Halley in his 97th year. Funeral from his late residence, Saturday March 6 at 2:30 p.m. Relatives and friends invited.

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James Halley Dead; 58 Years U.S. Clerk

Veteran Employee, 96

Also Was Believed Oldest Mason in District

James Halley, 96 years old, who served continuously as an employee of the Department of Agriculture since its organization as a governmental bureau, in 1862, until he retired in 1920, and who had resided at the same address since coming to Washington 66 years ago, died Tuesday night at his home, 627 Seventh street southwest.

Born in Perthshire, Scotland, June 21, 1829, Mr. Halley came to American in 1856 on the sailing vessel Dreadnaught. After living in Maryland for several years he moved to this city in 1860.

He was a member of Lebanon Lodge, No. 7, F.A.A.M., and of Excelsior Lodge, No. 17, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was probably the oldest member of either order in this jurisdiction, both in point of length of membership and age. He joined the Odd Fellows in 1861 and the Masonic Order in 1863. He also was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Halley is survived by six daughters, Mrs. T.J. Bundick, Mrs. O.S. Swank, Miss Sarah E. Halley and Miss Margaret J. Halley of this city; Mrs. T.J. Swann of Virginia and Mrs. W.J. Jones of St. Louis, Mo. He leaves also 23 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at the residence Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with Rev. Henry W. Tolson of Westminster Presbyterian Church officiating. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.