

Charles Massey Hammett

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Hammett. On Tuesday, November 22, 1898 at 7:25 o'clock a.m., Dr. Charles M. Hammett, aged 63 years. Funeral from his late residence, 644 F street southwest on Thursday, November 24 at 2 o'clock p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

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Dr. Hammett Dead

Was Formerly Health Officer and District Coroner Respectively

Succumbs to Bright's Disease

The Last of a Class Graduated From Georgetown College

Funeral Arrangements



Dr. Charles Massey Hammett, the former health officer and coroner of the District, died at his residence, No. 628 F street southwest, at 7:25 a.m. today. The cause of death was Bright's disease, from which he had suffered only four weeks. For two days prior to his demise Dr. Hammett lay in an unconscious state, which continued until the end came. His wife and all his children were with him at the time. For the past twenty years Dr. Hammett enjoyed the very best health, and there were no symptoms that it was undermined until he became ill four weeks ago.

The funeral services will be held at the family residence Thursday next at 2 p.m., and the interment will be made at Congressional cemetery. Rev. Richard P. Williams of Trinity P.E. Church will officiate at the house, and the burial will be under Masonic auspices.

The pallbearers will be Drs. Wm. C. Woodward, Jno. F. Price, G.R. Lee Cole, Geo. P. Fenwick, Raymond T. Holden and James Dudley Morgan.

Native of Maryland

Dr. Hammett was born about 63 years ago in St. Mary's county, Md. His father was Robert Hammett, an Englishman, and his mother was the daughter of former Governor Blackstone of Maryland. On her side he was of revolutionary ancestry, and related to ancient and prominent families of Maryland. Both parents died at an early age.

He was educated at Charlotte Hall, Md., and studied medicine in the medical department of Georgetown College, from which he graduated forty-three years ago in the second class in pathology sent out from that institution. He survived all the others of that early class. He married Miss Julia Maddox of St. Mary's county, and she and their six children mourn him. The latter are Mrs. Samuel Bayly, Mrs. W.R. Myers, jr., Dr. C.M. Hammett, jr., and Misses Lucy, Katie and Effie Hammett. Dr. Whit Hammett, the dentist, in this city is his brother.

Dr. Hammett was appointed health officer of the District, August 1, 1891, upon the death of Dr. Smith Townshend, who had filled the office for thirteen years. Dr. Hammett served as health officer for three years, being succeeded by the incumbent, Dr. Wm. C. Woodward, August 1, 1894. Upon the

expiration of his term as health officer, Dr. Hammett was appointed coroner of the District, resigning that position August 15, 1897, when Dr. Wm. P. Carr, now serving, was appointed to the position.

His Lodge Affiliations

He was a member of Dawson Lodge, No. 16, F.A.A.M., and of the Golden Cross. He was also prominently identified with the Medical Society and the Medical Association. He was a general practitioner and possessed, it is said, one of the most lucrative practices in the District.

Tall, dignified and handsome, he was noted for his urbanity, courtesy and kindness. Many calls and messages of condolence were received at his late residence today from friends who were made acquainted with the fact of his death.

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With Masonic Honors

The Late Dr. Hammett Buried at Congressional Cemetery

The funeral of the late Dr. Charles Massey Hammett, former health officer of the District, took place from his late residence, No. 644 F street southwest, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. It was private, being attended by only the relatives and immediate friends of the deceased.

Rev. Richard P. Williams of Trinity Episcopal Church conducted the service and spoke briefly but feelingly of Dr. Hammett, who had long been a member of the Episcopal Church. The pallbearers were Health Officer W.C. Woodward and Drs. James Dudley Morgan, Raymond T. Holden, George P. Fenwick, G. Lee Code and John F. Price.

The interment was made at Congressional cemetery, where Dawson Lodge, No. 16, F.A.A.M., conducted the Masonic burial service.