

William A. Henderson

(16 Sep 1836 – 5 Aug 1908)

Henderson. On Wednesday, August 5, 1908 at 2:25 a.m., William A., beloved husband of Rebecca T. Henderson in the 72d year of his age. Funeral will take place from his late residence, 333 G street southeast, Friday, August 7 at 3 p.m. Relatives and friends invited.

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William Henderson Dead

Was a Prominent Businessman of National Capital

Funeral Services at 3 o'clock Friday Afternoon From Family Residence -- His Career

William A. Henderson, a prominent business man of this city, died at 2:25 a.m., at his home, 333 G street southeast, following an illness of several months.

Mr. Henderson was born in Charles county, Md., September 16, 1836. He came to this city when only thirteen years old on a sailing vessel from Lower Cedar Point, Md., and obtained employment in a grocery store at 10th and F streets northwest, working for his room and board. Just after the beginning of the civil war, Mr. Henderson engaged in the tobacco business on 15th street, near Pennsylvania avenue on the site now occupied by the Corcoran building. He later went to 12th and F streets northwest and thence to 705 15th street, which he gave up later to the Southern railway. He later opened stores at 9th and F streets northwest and 1432 New York avenue northwest, which he has since conducted.

Mason and Templar

He was a member of Naval Lodge No. 4, F.A.A.M., and Columbia Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar. He was also an active member of the Second Baptist Church, and was for many years superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Henderson was taken ill last December with what is thought to have been chronic rheumatism. During the winter he went to the Virginia Hot Springs to take the baths there. It was later discovered that he was suffering from a tumor which resulted in his death. He returned here last May and had been under the treatment of Dr. John E. Walsh.

His wife, Mrs. Rebecca Henderson, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John St. John, whom he married in this city in 1859; three daughters, Mrs. J.W. Sinclair, Mrs. J.W. Kincheloe and Mrs. Frances E. Sibley, and three sons, Milton, Charles and Henry Henderson, survive him.

Funeral Friday Afternoon

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Henderson home, and will be conducted by Rev. Edward Hez Swem, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, if he arrives from the west in time. Rev. John B. Clayton, pastor of the Baptist Denominational Church, will assist. Interment will be made in Congressional cemetery. The pallbearers probably will be members of the Masonic order.

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Funeral of W.A. Henderson

Pallbearers Represent Several Local Fraternal Organizations

Funeral services for William A. Henderson, who died Wednesday, were held at the family residence, 336 G street southeast, yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. E. Hez Swem, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, and Rev. J.B. Clayton, pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, conducted the services.

The pallbearers were Henry T. Offterdinger and William B. Palmer, representing Columbia Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar; Joseph S. Reynolds and J.W. Maguire of Naval Lodge, No. 4, F.A.A.M.; and William H. Cooper and M.E. Jones, representing Naval Chapter, No. 6, R.A.M. The interment was in Congressional cemetery.