William H. Henshaw

(1861 - 30 Jan 1927)

Henshaw. Sunday, January 30, 1927 at the Washington Sanitarium, Takoma Park, Md., William H. Henshaw, husband of Henrietta S. Henshaw. Funeral from the chapel of Thomas S. Sergeon, 1011 7th street n.w., Tuesday, February 1 at 2 p.m. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

Henshaw. A special communication of Benjamin B. French Lodge, No. 15, F.A.A.M. is hereby called for Tuesday, February 1, 1927 at 1 o'clock p.m. in Lodge Room, No. 1, New Masonic Temple Washington, DC, for the purpose of conducting Masonic burial services for our late brother, William H. Henshaw. By order of the worshipful master.

Sidney J. Besselievre, Secretary.

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W.H. Henshaw Dies at 65; Ill 3 Years

Was Member of Board of Trade and Opened First Cafeteria Here

William H. Henshaw, 65 years old, member of the Board of Trade and former owner of the Crown Lunch Co., first cafeteria established in Washington died at Washington Sanatorium Takoma Park, last night after an illness of more than eight years.

Born in Albany in 1861, Mr. Henshaw received his education there. He moved to Longconing, Md. in 1882, establishing a mercantile business which he conducted until 1890. He came to Washington in that year, establishing the first cafeteria, at 516 Eleventh street, known as the Crown Lunch Co. He later established a second cafeteria at 1417 New York avenue. He managed the two establishments until three years ago when his health compelled him to retire.

He was a member of the Board of Trade for a number of years and took an active part in the Benjamin B. French Lodge, No. 15 and the Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Henrietta S. Henshaw and a daughter, Martha S. Henshaw. The home is at 3300 Sixteenth street. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 3 p.m. at the Sergeon funeral parlor 1011 Seventh street. Masonic rites will be observed. Interment will be in Congressional cemetery.