

## John E. Herrell ( - 30 Mar 1909)

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**Herrell.** On Tuesday, March 30, 1909, John E. Herrell in his 79th year. Funeral from his late residence, 926 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, Thursday, April 1 at 4 p.m.

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### **General Sorrow Felt**

### **Sudden Death of John E. Herrell Shocks Friends**

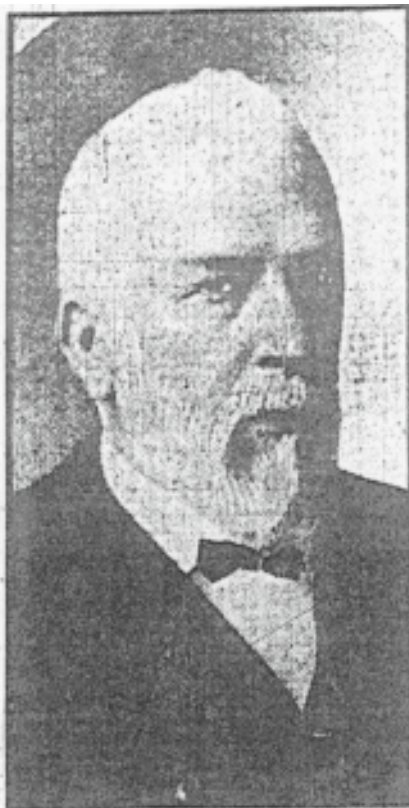
### **Cheerful to the Last**

### **In Failing Health a Month, But End Was Unexpected**

### **Leader in Local Activities**

### **President of Two Banks and a Large Holder of District Real Estate**

### **Prominent as Builder**



John E. Herrell.

The announcement of the sudden death of John E. Herrell last night came as a shock to the citizens of East Washington where he was best known because of his long and intimate association with that section. Throughout the District general sorrow is expressed at the passing of a man who had been actively engaged as an upbuilder of this community for over fifty years.

Mr. Herrell, who was in his 79th year, had been in failing health for about a month, but maintained the cheerfulness for which he was noted. The end was unexpected, even by those of his family who came in constant contact with him. The immediate cause of death was heart failure.

Almost to the last Mr. Herrell continued his activities as a man of affairs. He was president of the National Capital Bank, president of the East Washington Savings Bank and one of the largest holders of real estate in the District of Columbia. He was also a director of the American Security and Trust Company and treasurer of the Eastern Building and Loan Association.

He died at his home, corner of 10th street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast. His wife, who was Miss Henrietta Mahoney of Georgetown, and to whom he was married in 1851, died about six years ago. Their seven children also died, and one brother survives Mr. Herrell.

### **Funeral Services Tomorrow**

The funeral will take place tomorrow from his late home, 926 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, at 4 o'clock p.m. Rev. H.S. France, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Protestant Church, will be the officiating clergyman. Interment will be in the Herrell section at Congressional cemetery. The eight active pallbearers will be selected from the clerks of the National Capital Bank. The twelve honorary pallbearers will be Masons, Odd Fellows and officials of the institutions with which Mr. Herrell was connected.

At the regular meetings of the National Capital Bank and the East Washington Savings Bank to be held tomorrow morning suitable action on the death of Mr. Herrell will be taken by the directors.

*Native of Loudoun County, Va.*

John E. Herrell was born in Loudoun county, Va., July 26, 1830, and at the age of twenty went to Baltimore, where he was employed as a bricklayer. He came to Washington in 1852 and began business as a master bricklayer and contractor and directed the erection of many of the older structures in the District, some of which are now considered landmarks, including the brick work of the old Bowen manor on Randle Highlands, which was the suburban home of Sayles J. Bowen, one of the mayors of Washington.

He entered the Washington navy yard at the outbreak of the civil war as superintendent of bricklaying, and continued there twelve years. In 1872 he engaged in the manufacture of bricks and began taking contracts for the erection of buildings in East Washington.

Mr. Herrell was elected president of the National Capital Bank in 1880, and continued in that capacity until his death. He assisted in organizing the Columbia National Bank and the American Security and Trust Company, having been a director of the latter since its formation. He was for many years president of the People's Fire Insurance Company.

He was a member of Anacostia Lodge, No. 21, F.A.A.M.; Naval Chapter, No. 6, Royal Arch Masons, and was a member of DeMolay Commandery, Knights Templar for a number of years, but at the institution of Orient Commandery he withdrew from DeMolay Commandery and united with the new Templar organization. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite body. Mr. Herrell had long been a member of Harmony Lodge, Odd Fellows.

Mr. Herrell was regarded as an authority on real estate values in the District, and because of his expert knowledge of such matters he was selected to serve as appraiser in more condemnation cases than any other man in this community. He was also regarded as an authority on old Washington and the pioneers who labored in the early days to make Washington the city beautiful it is today.

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**Funeral of Mr. Herrell**

**Services at the House and Grave Largely Attended**

The remains of John E. Herrell were followed to their last resting place in Congressional cemetery yesterday afternoon by a large concourse of friends. The funeral services were held at his home, 926 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, at 4 o'clock, Rev. H.S. France officiating. The final services at the grave were under Masonic and Odd Fellow auspices.

Clerks of the National Capital Bank who officiated as active pallbearers were H.C. Stewart, D.D. Click, W.F. Smith, J.R. Zimmerman, E.R. Benham, B.R. Cady and H.W. Griffith. The honorary pallbearers were selected from among business and professional men with whom Mr. Herrell had been associated. They were Henry Hurt and H.F. Blount of the American Security and Trust Company, Thomas W. Smith and James L. Parsons of the National Capital Bank, M.I. Weller and J.P. Yost of the East Washington Savings Bank, Patrick Maloney, J.F. O'Neal and William Yost of the F.A.A.M.; Dr. Thomas Gates and W.M. Mallen of the I.O.O.F., and H.K. Simpson and Leon Dessez of the East Washington Building Association.

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**John E. Herrell Will Filed**

**Estimated Value of the Estate \$700,000**

**Left in Trust for His Daughter After Making Several Bequests to Relatives**

The estate left by John E. Herrell, president of the National Capital Bank, who died March 30 last, is estimated at \$700,000 by the petition for probate of his will, dated June 22, 1903, filed today by the American Security and Trust Company, named as executor.

After providing bequests of personal belongings to relatives and friends, including his library to his grandson. Walter Harvey Cole, Mr. Herrell provides that \$5,000 be paid to his cousin, Bertha B. Herrell, \$1,000 each to his nieces. Annie E. Ward and Fannie Dyer, and \$500 to his godchild, Margaret Herrell Allen Sharp.

The remaining estate is devised to the American Security and Trust Company to hold in trust and to pay to his daughter, Phoebe E. Cole, during her life, in quarterly installments, one-half of the net income from the estate. The other half is to be used in the interest of the trust estate for the improvement of unproductive property or to be invested in the discretion of the trust company.

On the death of Mrs. Cole the trust shall continue until her youngest child attains majority, when the estate shall be distributed among the grandchildren.

Mr. Herrell's investments include loans on real estate, \$258,484; bonds, \$203,000; stocks, \$45,000, and loans on collateral, \$11,000. His real estate holdings are estimated at \$150,000. He had on deposit in the National Capital Bank at the time of his death \$26,279.41.

On the petition of the trust company and the consent of Mrs. Cole, the only heir, Justice Wright today admitted the will to probate and granted letters testamentary to the American Security and Trust Company.

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### **Succeeds Mr. Herrell**

#### **Mr. Repetti Treasurer of the Eastern Building Association**

At a meeting yesterday of the board of directors of the Eastern Building and Loan Association the president, James W. Whelpley, made a fitting allusion to the death of the treasurer, John E. Herrell, who had occupied that position for twenty years, and appointed a committee, consisting of George R. Repetti, Henry K. Simpson and James E. Hutchinson, to prepare suitable resolutions. The committee subsequently reported the resolutions, which were adopted and were ordered to be spread on the minutes.

George R. Repetti, vice president, was elected treasurer and Charles A. Stockett was elected vice president. Maurice Otterback, cashier of the Anacostia Bank, a member of the association, was elected a director to fill the vacancy on the board.