

## William Henry Hoeke

(13 Dec 1838 – 26 Feb 1912)

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**Hoeke.** On Monday, February 26, 1912 at his residence 336 C street n.w., W.H. Hoeke, beloved husband of Elizabeth Hoeke. Funeral from his late residence, Wednesday, February 28 at 10:30 a.m. A special communication of Naval Lodge No. 4, F.A.A.M, 4th street and Pennsylvania ave. s.e. is called for February 28, 1912 at 9 a.m. to attend the funeral of our late brother, William H. Hoeke.

By order of the master

Kenton M. Harper, sec.

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### **W.H. Hoeke Is Dead At The Age of 73**

#### **Had Been Ill Only Few Days and Condition Was Not Considered Serious**

William H. Hoeke, a lifelong resident of Washington, and one of the old guard of the merchants of the National Capital, died this afternoon at his residence, 336 C street northwest. Announcement of funeral arrangements will be made later.

Mr. Hoeke had lived in Washington practically all of his seventy-three years, and had been a member of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants and other social and civic organizations.

The name William H. Hoeke has appeared over the door of the establishment at 8th and Market place northwest for nearly thirty-five years.

Although he was not born in Washington, his parents came here when he was a young boy, and he was educated in the public schools of the city.

He went into business early in life. The establishment in its first years was run under the firm name of Singleton & Hoeke, but soon was taken over entirely by the second partner. During the years of his business career, Mr. Hoeke became widely known in mercantile and social circles in the city.

Mrs. Hoeke, who survives her husband, is a member of the board of education. Two children survive also. They are a son, W.W. Hoeke, and a daughter, Mrs. Victor Mapes.

Mr. Hoeke had been ill for several days, but until a few hours of his death the news that came from his bedside was reassuring and Saturday night it was said at his residence that Mr. Hoeke probably would be fully recovered in a few days.

*The Washington Post, February 27, 1912, p. 14*

### **Death of William H. Hoeke**

William H. Hoeke, one of the members of the Oldest Inhabitants' Society, who had made his home in this city for the past 73 years, died yesterday afternoon at his residence, 336 C street northwest. For more than a half century he had been engaged in business in Center Market. He is survived by his wife and two children, W.W. Hoeke and Mrs. Victor Mapes.

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### **Funeral of W.H. Hoeke**

#### **To Be Buried Tomorrow Morning From Late Home on C Street**

The funeral of W.H. Hoeke, one of Washington's oldest merchants who died yesterday after an illness of two weeks, will take place tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock from the Hoeke residence 336 C

street northwest. Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Greene will officiate. The burial will be made in Congressional Cemetery.

The pallbearers will be Henry Small, Milton E. Ailes, Col. Daniel M. Ransdell, James F. Hood, Edward J. Stellwagen, Thomas M. Gale, George Judd and N.L. Burchell.

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### **Career of W.H. Hoeke Subject of Tributes**

#### **Funeral Services Today Conducted by Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church**

Characterizing him as one of the old guard of Washington, who built the city and made it what it is today, Rev. Samuel H. Geene of Calvary Baptist Church, spoke of the record of the late W.H. Hoeke, whose funeral was conducted today from the family residence at 336 C street northwest.

Scores of prominent Washingtonians attended the services including an impressive tribute of citizens of the District of Columbia. To these men and women, many of whom knew W.H. Hoeke from boyhood days, Dr. Greene spoke concerning the man as one whose friendship he had held dear for many years.

#### *Always in Front Rank*

"He was a man who stood for the best there is in this community," he said, "and who was always foremost in advancing its interests. He was associated with so many organizations typical of Washington's character that the presence of their representatives here is mute evidence of the widespread ability and stability of the man. He was one of the old guard, and as I look upon his face for the last time I am reminded of what sterling character were those first men who established the business of this city. There was not an ordinary man among them, and they builded well the monuments which they set out to build. W.H. Hoeke was one of those men."

#### *Organizations Represented*

Members of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants, of which Mr. Hoeke was a member, were present at the funeral, as were representatives from the Board of Trade, the Colonization Society, the board of education and other organizations and institutions.

Services at Congressional cemetery were in charge of Naval Lodge No. 4, F.A.A.M., of which Mr. Hoeke was a member. Honorary pallbearers were E.J. Stellwagen, J.H. Small, L.W. Burchell, T.M. Gale, Milton Ailes, Col. Daniel Ramsdell and George Judd.

Members of the board of directors of the Children's Hospital, of which Mr. Hoeke was vice president, adopted resolutions today in which the board placed on record its acknowledgment of the loss sustained and the sympathy of the members for Mr. Hoeke's family.

*The Evening Star, February 29, 1912, p. 24*

### **In Memory of W.H. Hoeke**

#### **Lady Managers of Baptist Home Adopt Resolutions of Regret**

Resolutions of regret and sympathy on the death of W.H. Hoeke were adopted yesterday by the board of lady managers of the Baptist Home and have been sent to Mrs. Hoeke and her family.

His many deeds of kindness and love," say the resolutions, "will always remain in our memory. To Mrs. Hoeke, who has been our loved and efficient president of the board and to the family our heartfelt sympathy is extended."

*The Evening Star, March 1, 1912, p. 3*

### **Hoeke Estate To Wife**

#### **On Her Death Testator Provides It Shall Be Divided Between His Children**

The will of William H. Hoeke, dated March 10, 1911, was filed today for probate. All the household effects are given absolutely to the widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Hoeke, who is also to have the use of the remaining estate during her life. The wife is requested not to sell premises 312 8th street northwest and not to part with her husband's stock in the Columbia Hotel Company.

On the death of Mrs. Hoeke all moneys and securities, excepting the hotel stock, are to be equally divided between the children, William Warren Hoeke and Mrs. Anna L. Mapes. The remaining estate is to be taken in trust then by the Union Trust Company and held during the lives of the children, who are to be paid the net income in monthly installments. On the death of each child his or her share is to be distributed among his or her children as each attains majority. Mrs. Hoeke is named as executrix of the estate.

*History of the Naval Lodge, No. 4, F.A.A.M.*

William H. Hoeke, Master in 1875 and 1876, was born Dec. 13, 1838; enlisted when a small boy for service in the Mexican War, and again as a man in the three months' service in 1861; has been engaged in business in Washington for 25 years. He was initiated in Naval Lodge, March 23, 1865; passed April 22, 1865; raised May 25, 1865; charter member of Washington Naval R.A. Chapter, No. 6; member of Columbia Commandery, No. 2, K.T., and of Almas Temple Mystic Shrine.