

William Riley Hunt

(- 22 Feb 1921)

Hunt. Tuesday, February 22, 1921, at 2 a.m., William R., beloved husband of the late Henrietta Hunt, aged 82 years. Funeral from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Eugene S. Cochran, 3341 18th st. n.w., Friday, February 25, at 1 p.m. Services at Gorsuch M.E. Church, 4-1/2 and L sts. s.w., at 2 o'clock. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Interment at Congressional cemetery.

Hunt. I.O.O.F.--The officers and members of Central Lodge, No. 1, will meet at Gorsuch M.E. Church, cor. 4-1/2 and L sts. s.w., at 1:30 p.m. sharp, Friday, February 25, 1921, for the purpose of attending the funeral of William R. Hunt, P.G. Members of sister lodges invited to attend.

By order James Vorbeck, N.G.

Attest: W.P. Pumphrey, Rec. Sec'y.

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W.R. Hunt, Honored By M.E. Church, Dies

Ex-Merchant, Member of D.C. Legislature and Civil War Veteran

William Riley Hunt, one of the few laymen whom the Methodist Church has ordained pastor in recognition of services to the church, and a member of the old District of Columbia legislature during the four years of its existence, died early yesterday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E.S. Cochran, 3341 18th street northwest.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Gorsuch M.E. Church, Rev. John R. Edwards, assisted by former pastors of the church officiating. The body will lie in state at the church before the services. Interment will be in Congressional cemetery.

Mr. Hunt was born in southern Maryland, October 22, 1839, but had lived in Washington since 1852, conducting a hardware store at 4 1/2 and I streets southwest for many years prior to his retirement from business several years ago. During the civil war he saw service in guarding the railroad depot and Long bridge approaching the city and also at the Washington barracks. He was a member of the old common council of Washington for one year. He represented the eighteenth district in the local legislature.

He was a prominent Odd Fellow, having been grand secretary of the district organization for twenty-five years and was the oldest member of Central Lodge, No. 1, Odd Fellows. He also was affiliated with the Southwest tent of the Rechabites and Naomi Lodge of Rebekahs.

Mr. Hunt had an unusual church record, having attended continuously the Gorsuch Church in the city since 1859 shortly after the church was founded. He was actively identified with the church as a leading member since 1859, its recording steward since 1863, its Sunday school superintendent since 1862 and in addition held practically every other office in the church at one time or another. He was married in the church, September 11, 1860. Mrs. Hunt died last fall.

In 1909 the Gorsuch Church tendered him a public reception in honor of his fifty years membership, presenting him with a silver service.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Harriett Wood; a daughter, Mrs. E.S. Cochran, and a son, Joseph R. Hunt of this city.

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Death of W.R. Hunt

Octogenarian Came to Washington in 1852; Rites Tomorrow

William Riley Hunt, 82 years old, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E.S. Cochran, 3341 Eighteenth street northwest, yesterday. Mr. Hunt was born in southern Maryland in 1838, coming to this city in 1852 when he started in business. He was a member of Gorsuch Methodist Episcopal church.

Funeral services will be held from the Gorsuch church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in Congressional cemetery. Surviving Mr. Hunt are a son and a daughter.