

## Robert Keyworth (1795 - 17 Feb 1856)

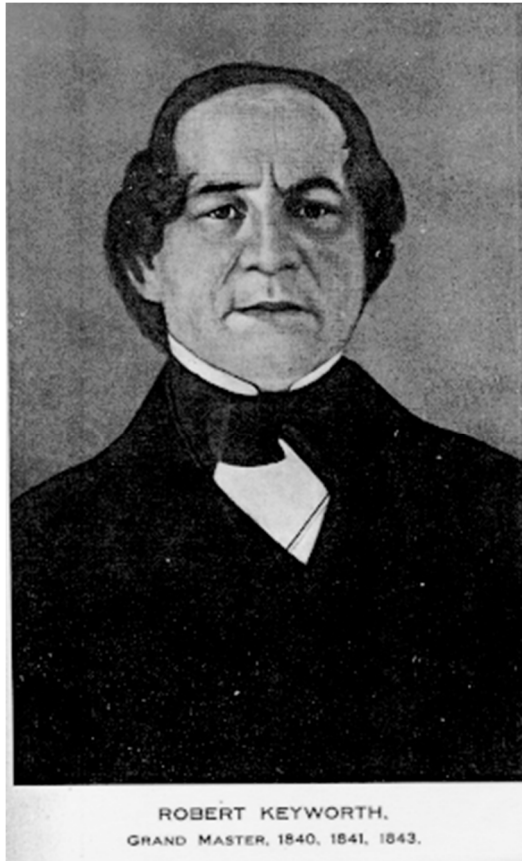
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**Keyworth.** On the 17th instant, Major Robert Keyworth, in the 61st year of his age.

*The Evening Star, Feb. 21, 1856*

### Major Keyworth's Funeral

Yesterday afternoon was numerously attended by the Masonic Fraternity and the Military. The pallbearers were S.P. Franklin, Joel Downer, Dr. Magruder, John McDuell, Wm. M. Ellis, and Roger C. Weightman. The Grand Lodge and several subordinate Lodges were out in regalia, headed by M.W.P. Grand Master, B.B. French, who conducted the usual rites and ceremonies. Col. Hickey and Lt. Col. Riley with the staff and company officers of the Volunteer Regiment (of which the deceased was Major) attended in full uniform. Rev. Dr. Cummins of Trinity Church, officiated, and a large concourse of relatives and friends joined the procession.



*The Evening Star, September 13, 1854*

Ad: **Watch Makers and Jewelers Wanted.** I wish to employ two or three Workmen by the piece or week. None but good workmen need apply.

Robert Keyworth

Pa. avenue, between 9th and 10th sts.

*Harper, Kenton N., History of the Grand Lodge, 1911*  
p. 345-346: **Grand Master 1840-41 and 1843**

Bro. Keyworth was born in 1795, and died February 18, 1856, and from the age of twenty-five until his passing away was an interested, active, and valued member of the local Fraternity, and while failing health in his later years

prevented his participation in the affairs of his subordinate lodge he was rarely absent from a meeting of the Grand Lodge.

His unfaltering fidelity to the Craft and zealous discharge of his duties during the period when Masonry was perhaps at its lowest ebb undoubtedly contributed in no small degree to the rehabilitation of the Order in the District.

Throughout his long and busy career he was a leader among his associates in every walk of life and was universally revered and respected.

He was a watchmaker and jeweler, doing business on Pennsylvania Avenue, west of Ninth Street, was a citizen of prominence, and participated in all the progressive movements of the day.

He was also for many years interested in the local military and held a commission as Major in the 1st Regt., D.C. Volunteers, which organization at his death, passed appropriate resolutions and desired to parade at the funeral but refrained in deference to the wishes of his family.

The interment, which was attended by an unusual concourse, was at Congressional Cemetery and under the direction of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Keyworth was initiated in Lebanon Lodge March 3, 1820; passed March 17, 1820; raised October 6, 1820; was Junior Warden in 1837; Senior Warden, 1835 and 1838, and Master 1831, 1832, 1839, 1840, 1844-47. He was made an honorary member of his lodge April 7, 1848.

In the Grand Lodge he served as Grand Treasurer during the years 1838 and 1839, and Grand Master, as shown above.

As a Capitular Mason he was also active and was a charter member of Columbia R.A. Chapter, No. 15 (now No. 1), attended its first meeting, January 15, 1840, and served that body as its first High Priest.