

## Robert V. Laskey

(14 Feb 1828 – 19 Jun 1914)

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**Laskey.** On Friday, June 19, 1914, after a brief illness at his home, 729 6th street northwest, Robert V., beloved husband of Virginia Laskey, in his eighty-seventh year. Funeral from his late residence Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Friends and relatives cordially invited. Interment private.



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### **Robert V. Laskey Dies At Home In This City Was Lifelong Resident Here and Veteran of the Civil War**

Robert V. Laskey, one of Washington's oldest residents, died at his home, 729 6th street northwest, Friday, after an illness of two weeks. Funeral services are to be held at the family residence tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev G.W. VanFossen of Trinity Episcopal Church is to officiate. Interment is to be in Congressional cemetery.

Mr. Laskey was born in this city February 14, 1828, when Washington was but a village compared to the great city into which it has grown since tht day. He lived here all his life, and took great pride in the growth of the city He was an expert horseman, and as a young man was a member of the President's Mounted Guard, a local volunteer cavalry organization, which had the honor of escorting President Lincoln to the Capitol at his first inauguration.

#### *Among First to Enlist*

When the call for troops came at the beginning of the civil war Mr. Lasky was among the first to enlist. He saw service with Samuel Owen's Volunteer Cavalry, which did duty guarding old Chain bridge and other approaches to the city.

Mr. Laskey was a member of Lafayette Post, G.A.R., and of the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants. He retired from business many years ago, and lived quietly at his home, where he died. His wife, Mrs. Virginia Laskey, and a son, John E. Laskey, a member of the District bar, survive him.

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### **Robert V. Laskey's Funeral**

#### **Services for Civil War Veteran and Pioneer Citizen Held Today**

Funeral services for Robert V. Laskey, one of the oldest residents of Washington and a veteran of the civil war, who died Friday at his home, 729 6th street northwest where he had lived for thirty-five years, were held at the residence at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Rev. G.W. VanFossen of Trinity P.E. Church, officiated. Interment was in Congressional cemetery. The active pallbearers, personal friends of the deceased, were Richard C. Thompson, Robert E. Ceas, Eustace Skinner, George Burgess, Ralph Given and Fred L. Fishback. Honorary pallbearers representing the association of the Oldest Inhabitants, were Judge Charles S. Bundy, Anthony Geger, Anton Heitmuller and Benjamin W. Reiss.