

Adolphus F. Lipphard

(1819 - 13 Sep 1907)

Lipphard. On Friday, September 13, 1907 at 5:30 p.m., Adolphus F. Lipphard, aged 88 years. Funeral from his late residence, 470 N street southwest, Monday 2 o'clock.



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Adolphus F. Lipphard Dead For 70 Years a Resident of Washington Remembered Pennsylvania Avenue as a Mud Puddle and Mall as a Cornfield

The death of Adolphus F. Lipphard, which occurred at half-past 5 o'clock last evening, removes from this community another venerable citizen who has for many years been closely identified with the affairs and welfare of the District of Columbia. He passed away at his old home, 470 N street southwest, surrounded by relatives and friends.

Mr. Lipphard was born at Tuning, Denmark, in 1819 and immigrated to this country in 1837. Coming directly to this city he settled in Southwest Washington and has resided there ever since, a period of seventy years. His family took up its residence in the aged building on N street, which is one of the few remaining landmarks of old Washington, and he lived there continuously until the time of his death. For many years Mr. Lipphard conducted a wholesale leather and shoe unding establishment here, but owing to his advancing years he retired from an active commercial career about fifteen years

Mason for Half Century

He was a veteran member of New Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, F.A.A.M., having been affiliated with that Masonic body for more than fifty years, and being an honorary member at the time of his death. He had also been a member of the Society of Oldest Inhabitants almost from the time of its inception, and was active in the work of the organization up to a few years ago. He frequently expressed his keen disappointment and regret during his last hours because of his inability for the past two Fourths of July to attend the annual gatherings and reunions of the Oldest Inhabitants.

Mr. Lipphard was married while but a youth to Miss Lorraine Brunelle, the ceremony being performed in 1839 in the old arsenal structure at the foot of 4 1/2 street. His wife died three years ago. He was the father of fifteen children, only four of whom survive him, Messrs. William A. and Adolph F. Lipphard and Mrs. William D. Hellen and Mrs. Albert Anderson.

The funeral services, under Masonic auspices, will be held at the family residence, on N street, at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon and the burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Remembered Mall as Cornfield

When in a reminiscent mood Mr. Lipphard was wont to gather his children about him and tell of the time, yeas ago, when the now picturesque Mall, lying south of Pennsylvania avenue and extending from the Capitol to the White House, was a cornfield, with waving crop, when Pennsylvania avenue was "a mud puddle," and when it was necessary to cross over the James Creek canal on a log in lieu of a bridge.

The homestead at 470 N street southwest, in which he virtually passed his long life, was built of British brick, said to have been brought to Washington in sailing vessels from England as ballast. At the time of the British invasion of this city, in 1814 the homestead was only spared from the torch, it is said, because it had been converted into a temporary hospital for the use of the king's soldiers who were wounded in the fighting about Washington. The arsenal and nearly all the other buildings in that vicinity were destroyed by the invaders.

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Old Inhabitant Dead

Adolphus F. Lipphard Had His Home in One House Seventy Years

In the old house which was his home for seventy years Adolphus F. Lipphard, eighty-eight years old, a resident of this city, died Friday afternoon.

Mr. Lipphard, who was born in Tuning Denmark, in 1819, came to this city in 1837, settling immediately in the house at 470 N street southwest, where he passed the remainder of his life. For many years Mr. Lipphard carried on a wholesale leather and shoe binding business. He was compelled to retire fifteen years ago because of old age. He was throughout his life much interested in public affairs in the District, and was a veritable mine of information concerning local history.

For more than fifty years he had been affiliated with New Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, A.F.A.M., being an honorary member at the time of his death. He was a member of the Oldest Inhabitants' Association almost from its inception, and was much grieved because he could not attend its last two Fourth of July reunions.

Mr. Lipphard was married when very young to Miss Lorraine Brunelle, who died three years ago. The ceremony was in the old arsenal structure at the foot of Four-and-a-half street. He was the father of fifteen children, only four of whom survive him. They are William D. and Adolphus F. Lipphard, jr., Mrs. William D. Hellen, and Mrs. Albert Anderson.

The funeral services, under Masonic auspices, will be held at the family home tomorrow at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.