

Thomas Taylor Lockett

(24 Mar 1852 – 314 Nov 1949)

Lockett, Thomas Taylor. On Monday, November 14, 1949, at his residence, 2703 Woodley rd. n.w., Thomas Taylor Lockett, beloved husband of the late Theresa Fenton Lockett, father of Ella Lockett and the late Thomas I., Harry M., Daniel G. Lockett, Mrs. Kate L. Constantini. Services at the S.H. Hines Co. Funeral Home, 2901 14th st. n.w., on Thursday, November 17, at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

Lockett, Thomas T. Lafayette Lodge, No. 10, F.A.A.M., will hold a special communication Thursday, November 17, 1949, at 1:15 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, for the purpose of attending the Masonic burial service for our late brother, Thomas T. Lockett.

Wayne H. Smith, Worshipful Master

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Thomas T. Lockett Dies at 97; One of Oldest Residents Here

Thomas Taylor Lockett, one of Washington's oldest residents, died here Monday at the age of 97.

Mr. Lockett died in his home, 2703 Woodley road N.W., after an illness of several years. He would have been 98 in March. Born in a little white frame house near Stanton Park on March 24, 1852, he attended every presidential inauguration from that of James Buchanan in 1857 to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's third inauguration in 1941.

Mr. Lockett became a Star carrier boy before President Lincoln took office. He attended the old Wallach School. He also sold the old National Intelligencer on the street and later became an office boy and a press feeder on the old National Republican.

One of the city's best known Scottish Rite Masons, he was believed by Masonic officials to be the oldest living member of the order here. On his 90th birthday he was honored by Lafayette Lodge for 63 continuous years' service in that organization. His other affiliations included Columbia Commandery, Knights Templar, Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Almas Temple of the the Mystic Shrine, and Kallipolis Grotto.

Mr. Lockett also was the oldest member of the Harrison Bible Class of Congress Street Church in Georgetown, which later was merged into the present day St. Luke's Methodist Church, Wisconsin avenue and Thirty-fifth street N.W.

Retired in 1931

For many years he was in the real estate business here and later spent 15 years with the Agriculture Department, retiring in 1931.

His only survivor is a daughter, Miss Ella Lockett, who lived with him. His wife, Mrs. Theresa Fenton Lockett, died in 1915. He also outlived another daughter and three sons, one of whom, Harry M. Lockett, was formerly chief clerk of the Metropolitan Police Department.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the Hines funeral home, 2901 Fourteenth street N.W. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.