

## Thomas Markward

(19 Nov 1826 – 26 Jan 1903)

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**Markward.** On Monday, January 26, 1903, at 7:30 p.m., Thomas Markward, beloved husband of Abbie E. Markward, in the 76th year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, at Benning, Thursday, January 29, at 2 p.m. Friends and relatives invited to attend.

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### **Retired Policeman Dead**

#### **Thomas Markward, Who Served Forty Years, Passes Away**

Thomas Markward, a retired policeman, died at his home at Benning last night about 7:45 o'clock, after a month's illness. He was recently retired from the force after a service of nearly forty years. The deceased was a native of the District. He was born the 19th of November, 1826, and was a carpenter by trade. In April 1864, he became a member of the police force and served continuously up to the time of his retirement.

During his long term of service he lost but a short time from duty because of sickness. He was sent to what is now the first precinct at the time of his appointment and performed duty during the time when the soldiers and policemen were clashing every few hours in the day. He made an excellent record as an officer and was commended several times for bravery. For a number of years he was mounted and did duty in the county east of the city. After he was dismounted he was detailed for duty at 15th and H streets northeast, where he was doing duty at the time of his retirement in September of last year.

Although more than 75 years old at the time he was cited to appear for examination for retirement, he protested that he was not physically incapacitated for duty and offered to prove his ability to handle obstreperous persons. His brother officers presented him with a handsome testimonial and set of resolutions at the time his connection with the force was severed.

The deceased leaves a widow and six children, four daughters and two sons. One son is a member of the fire department. His funeral will probably take place from his late home Thursday. The interment will take place at Congressional cemetery.