

David McComb

(17 Sep 1804 – 21 Sep 1886)

McComb. On the morning of September 21, 1886, David McComb in the 82d year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, No. 127 E street northeast, Thursday, 23d inst. at 4 o'clock p.m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

The Evening Star, September 22, 1886

Death of a Naval Veteran

Mr. David McComb, for many years commandant's clerk at the Washington navy yard, died yesterday morning at his residence, No. 127 K street northeast, aged 82 years. Mr. McComb was a native of Ireland, but on reaching his majority he came to this country, and November 15th, 1825, enlisted in the United States navy as a seaman. He was promoted to the position of purser's steward and sailed on the United States sloop-of-war Porpoise, Lieutenant Commander Benj. Cooper for the Mediterranean. Here this vessel and others were engaged for several years in suppressing the pirates in the Grecian Archipelago. Mr. McComb. He returned here in 1836 and became attached to the Washington navy yard, and for thirty years filled the position of commandant's clerk. He had been for nearly fifty years a member of Washington Naval Lodge, No. 4 of Masons, having joined it in 1837, and for a term or two deputy grand subsequently made other voyages on various vessels, and in 1834, when in the Brandywine, under Commodore, was severely injured by a fall, breaking three of his ribs. From this injury he never fully Wadsworth recovered master of the District of Columbia. He leaves a sister, the last of a family of eight children, and two daughters. His funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock from his late residence, and will be in charge of Washington Naval lodge. The interment will be at the Congressional cemetery.

The Evening Star, September 24, 1886

The Funeral of David McComb

The funeral of the late David McComb, for many years clerk to the commandant of the Washington navy yard, an account of whose death was published in Wednesday's Star, took place yesterday from his late residence, No. 127 H street northeast. It was attended by Washington Naval lodge, No. 4, of Masons, and a large number of relatives and friends, representatives of many of the old East Washington families and some of the former associates of the deceased in the navy. Rev. C.D. Andrews, of Christ P.E. church officiated, and the remains were interred with Masonic rites in the Congressional cemetery.

History of the Naval Lodge, No. 4, F.A.A.M.

David McComb, Worshipful Master for the year 1845, was raised in Naval Lodge, Jan. 4, 1840, having previously received the E.A. and F.C. degrees elsewhere. He also served the Lodge three terms as Secretary, and was Junior Grand Warden in 1848, Senior Grand Warden in 1849, and Deputy Grand Master in 1850. He is remembered as of fine appearance and gentlemanly, courteous manner. During his residence in Washington he occupied the position of Clerk to the Commandant of the Navy Yard, and resided on Capitol Hill. His death occurred Sept. 21, 1886.