

## James P. McElfresh

( - 21 Mar 1907)

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**McElfresh.** Departed this life Thursday, March 21, 1907, at 1 a.m., James Philip, beloved husband of the late Anna Marie McElfresh, in the 82nd year of his age. Funeral services at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Clara I. Hughes, 804 H street northeast, Saturday, March 23, at 2 p.m. Interment private. (Baltimore and Chicago papers please copy).



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### **Old Resident Dead**

#### **James P. McElfresh Succumbs to Paralysis**

Funeral services over the remains of James Philip McElfresh, who died early Thursday morning, took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Clara I. Hughes, 804 H street northeast. Rev. Benjamin P. Truitt, pastor of the First Methodist Protestant Church of which church Mr. McElfresh had long been a communicant, conducted the services. The pallbearers were chosen from among the immediate friends of the deceased and were: Messrs. John C. Yost, Conrad F. Bennett, Alfred F. Flather, Olin Smith, H.E. Rottmer and George Flather. The casket, which was placed in the center of the parlor, was banked with flowers sent by the friends of the deceased.

Mr. McElfresh was eighty-two years of age. He was formerly employed at the Ebbitt House as the head carpenter and for many years resided on I street northwest. He was quite well acquainted with Gen. Grant while he occupied the White House. During the life of Mr. Henry Burch, proprietor of the Ebbitt House, he and Mr. McElfresh were warm friends, and though for a number of years the latter had retired from active life, he recalled many times the pleasure of his association with the former host of the Ebbitt.

The deceased was a member of the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia and his interest in the organization, its doings and the life of the city of Washington seemed never to fail. Having retired after a life well spent, Mr. McElfresh lived at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Hughes, where every care was given him during his declining years. He was several times struck with apoplexy and the final attack came Thursday morning.

Mrs. Anne Marie McElfresh, wife of the deceased, died several years ago. His daughter, Mrs. Hughes, and four grandchildren survive him. The interment was in Congressional cemetery.