

James William McKee

(28 Dec 1839 – 31 Jan 1921)

McKee. Monday, January 31, 1921, James W. McKee, aged 81 years. Funeral from residence of his son, Townley A. McKee, 1521 Rhode Island avenue n.w., Tuesday afternoon after February 1 at 3 o'clock.

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Dr. McKee Is 81 Today; Oldest Pension Worker

Assistant Medical Examiner of Bureau Entered Division in April 1902

Dr. James McKee, assistant medical examiner of the bureau of pensions, today is celebrating his eighty-first birthday anniversary, being the oldest employe in the bureau. His home is at 1350 Newton street northwest.

Dr. McKee, who entered the medical division of the pension office April 2, 1902, was born December 28, 1839, in Independence, Washington county Pa. He was one of a family of fourteen sons and one daughter. Ten of the children attended their parents' golden wedding anniversary, the father and mother living thirteen years after this event.

Dr. McKee left his native state in 1860, settling in Cass county, Ind., where he taught school and studied medicine, being graduated after the war from the Medical College of Indiana. He began practice in April 1868. Ten years later he removed to Newton, Kan., and for fifteen years prior to coming to this city served as a member of the pension board of medical examiners in Newton.

He was married to Miss Mary C. Grable of Cass county, Ind., October 12, 1865. Dr. McKee is surgeon of Burnside Post, No. 8, G.A.R., and medical director of the Department of the Potomac, G.A.R. He is active in Masonry, having been admitted to the order in 1865. He is a past commander of Columbia Commandery, No. 2. Dr. McKee has been a regular reader of The Star for twenty years.