

Benson McKenney

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The Evening Star, August 17, 1864

Death of an Old Citizen

Last evening Mr. Benson McKenney, for 55 years an employee in the pattern shop of the Navy Yard, during a portion of the time as foreman, died last evening at his residence, on 11th street east, near the bridge, of old age, he being about 80 years old. He was one of the 'Defenders' in 1814, and for a long series of years was one of the members of Naval Lodge, No. 4, (Masons) who will bury him with Masonic honors on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Few men bore a higher character among the citizens generally than the deceased.

The Daily Constitutional Union, August 18, 1864, p 2

Death of an Old Citizen

Mr. Benson McKenney, for fifty-five years an employ in the pattern shop of the navy-yard, died Tuesday evening, about eighty years old. He was one of the members of Naval Lodge, No. 4, who will bury him with Masonic honors on Friday afternoon.

The Daily National Republican, August 18, 1864, p. 3

Dead

An old and much esteemed citizen, Mr. Benson McKenney, died at his residence on Eleventh street east on Wednesday last. Mr. McKenney has been employed in the navy yard fifty-five years. His funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon, and be attended by the Naval Lodge, the Red Men, and the Beneficial Society."

The Evening Star, August 20, 1864

Funeral

There was an immense attendance yesterday at the funeral of the esteemed Benson McKenney, late master workman in the Navy Yard. Naval Lodge of Masons was out, with a fine band of music from Lincoln Hospital. The Tuscarora Tribe of Red Men was present with martial music. The Navy Yard Beneficial Society was also present, and also delegations from every branch of the Navy Yard. The funeral services, at the house and at the cemetery, (Congressional Burying Ground,) were conducted by Rev. Dr. Morsell, of Christ Church, Navy Yard.

The Daily Constitutional Union, August 20, 1864, p. 6

The Funeral of Mr. Benson McKenney

Yesterday afternoon the funeral obsequies of this old and estimable citizen took place from his late residence on the navy yard. Rev Dr. Morsell, Rector of Christ Church, delivered a funeral discourse at the house of the family, and the funeral cortege, forming a large and interesting procession moved off to the Washington cemetery where, after the reading by Dr. Morsell, of the grand and funeral service of the Episcopal Church, the remains were committed to the earth. Mr. McKenney as the oldest master-workman in the navy yard, and from his many sterling qualities of head and heart enjoyed the affection, confidence, and high respect of all with whom he came into contact."

The Dailey National Republican, August 20, 1864, p. 3

Funeral of the Late Benson McKenney

The funeral of the late Benson McKenney, whose death we noticed in our columns yesterday, took place from his late residence yesterday afternoon. The procession was a long one, and proceeded to the Congressional Cemetery in the following order: Tuscarora Tribe Improved Order of Red Men, headed by martial music; the Navy Yard Beneficial Society; Naval Lodge No. 4, headed by the band from Lincoln Hospital. The procession having arrived at the cemetery, Rev. Dr. Morsell read the burial service; after which, Naval Lodge drew around the grave, where the Masonic service delivered by Past Master Wm. E. Hutchinson, in place of Mr. Clapman, R. W. M., who is confined to his house by sickness."