

## William Walker Moore

(28 Jan 1803 – 23 Dec 1886)

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### Survivors of the War of 1812

... The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: ... Vice Presidents, William W. Moore.



WILLIAM WALKER MOORE  
GRAND SIRE  
1851-1853

**Moore.** On the morning of December 23, 1886, William Walker Moore in the 84th year of his age. The funeral will take place from his late residence, Saturday next at 12 o'clock.

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### Death of Capt. W.W. Moore, A Sketch of His Useful and Honorable Career

Captain William Walker Moore, whose serious illness has been mentioned in *The Star*, died at the family residence, 13th and F streets northwest at 8:25 o'clock this morning, within five weeks of his 84th birthday. Captain Moore, up to a few years ago, enjoyed remarkably good health, seldom having lost a day from business in his active and useful life. About two weeks ago he suffered an attack of paralysis, from which he was unable to rally. On Tuesday morning he became unconscious and continued so to the end.

Captain Moore was born January 28th, 1803, on the Manokin river, some twenty miles from Princess Anne, Somerset county, on the eastern shore of Maryland. His father was John B. Moore, son of Elijah Moore, who died January 29<sup>th</sup>, 1791, and his mother was Sally Bowen, whose parents resided in the same county. The family moved from Somerset county to Baltimore in 1807, and the father, being a contractor and builder, did considerable work in that city. Afterwards he received the appointment of lumber inspector from the governor, and filled that position for some years. When 16 years of age the deceased was indentured to the printers' business with General Benjamin Eades, editor and proprietor of the Baltimore "Republican," then published at the corner of 2d and Gay streets. General Eades shortly afterwards sold out the paper and removed his job office to the corner of Baltimore and South streets, and Mr. Moore remained with him until his majority. He displayed such aptness for the business that General Eades, before he was free, placed him in charge of the establishment and gave him a seat at the family table, removing him from that at which the other apprentices ate. Captain Moore was married in Baltimore, June 13th, 1825, to Lucinda Ann Depass, who died on the 15th of August last. February 1st, 1829, Captain Moore came to this city and took charge of the printing office of General Duff Green. He remained with him until 1834, when he resigned and opened a job printing office on Pennsylvania avenue, but in a short time gave it up, and returned to General Green, took charge of his office on Capitol Hill and wound up his business for him. Captain Moore then moved back to Baltimore with his family, and with General Green started "The Merchant," a newspaper which was not successful.

In 1838 Captain Moore returned with his family to this city and took charge of the paper department of the "National Intelligencer," then published by Gales & Seaton and remained as the managing editor until January 1st, 1865, a period of over twenty-six years. He was then offered the position of secretary and treasurer of the Metropolitan Railroad company, of this city and filled that position up to the day of his death.

Captain Moore came from a military family. His uncle, John Bowen, was a midshipman of the navy attached to Commodore Barney's flotilla in the Chesapeake Bay in the War of 1812. After the flotilla was blown up he participated in the skirmish at Bladensburg, and was one of the officers in charge of the water battery at the bombardment of Fort McHenry. After the repulse of the British, Capt. Moore was enrolled in a company of youths to prepare ammunition and to repel a second attack. When about eighteen years of age, he was appointed an ensign in Col. Eades' regiment of Maryland militia, and afterwards a captain by the governor of the state. Subsequently he commanded the Howard Volunteers of Baltimore. After he came here he was elected captain of the National Cadets, a company in existence prior to the organization of the Washington Light Infantry, commanded by Col. W.G. Moore, the oldest son of the deceased.

Always taking an interest in public affairs, Capt. Moore was induced in 1857 to run as a candidate for the board of aldermen of Washington city from the 4th ward in which he resided, and he was elected and filled the position with so much ability that he was re-elected for several subsequent terms. He also served several terms in the board of common council, a number of them as presiding officer. When, in 1871, the District government was changed he was at once elected a member of the house of delegates of the District legislature.

Capt. Moore became an Odd Fellow in September 1822, and at once took an active interest in the order. He almost from the first saw the advantage of the order having a home here and was one of the leaders in the project of purchasing a site and meeting hall. He was one of the building committee of the hall on 7th street and held the position of president of the board of trustees for several years, and was the chairman of the building committee, and as such purchased the ground and managed the property. He was elected representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States over forty years ago, and was nominated for the position of Grand Sire several times and declined. In 1830 he was elected to that position and filled it very acceptably. In 1843, as one of the members of the division of the work, he rendered valuable service and was the author of a Digest of the Laws of the Order.

Capt. Moore over forty years ago became attached to the Fourth Presbyterian church with his family and had been a communicant thereof for many years. In antebellum days, through his management of the "National Intelligencer," he was brought into contact with nearly all of the leading men of the country and had the personal friendship of many of them.

He was the father of twelve children, eight of whom grew up to majority and married, and six of these survive him: Mrs. B.M. Campbell of Fauquier county Va.; Col. W.G. Moore and Mrs. Dr. D. McFarlan, of this city; Rev. Alexander D. Moore, pastor of the 1st Presbyterian church of Bethlehem, Pa.; Mrs. E.M. Nourse, whose husband recently deceased, and Mr. J. Gales Moore, of the National Metropolitan Bank.

The deceased, by his probity of character and courteous manners, won the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

It has been the custom when a past grand sire of Odd Fellows dies to summons all the principal officers of the grand lodge to arrange for the funeral. This will be done in the case of Past Grand Sire Moore.

The several branches of the Order of Odd Fellows, of which deceased was a member, will meet this evening for the purpose of making arrangements for attending the funeral.

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### **The Funeral of Capt. W.W. Moore**

The funeral of the late Capt. W.W. Moore took place at noon Saturday from his home, 600 F street northwest. Rev. Joseph T. Kelly, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian church and Rev. John MacLane conducted the services. Mr. Kelly made an address. The honorary pall bearers were John W. Thompson,

George W. Pearson, Henry Polkinhorn, James Fraser, Robert S. Jordan and Charles P. Wannell. The active pall bearers were selected from the Odd Fellows organizations and were Oliver Dutour, of the Grand Encampment; J.T. Petty, Grand Lodge; James H. Richards, Grand Canton; John Thaw, board of trustees; John H. Seiffert, Columbian Encampment, and W.H. Richards, Central Lodge. The remains were interred in the Congressional cemetery. The attendance at the services was large and included representatives of all the Odd Fellows bodies of the city, members of the Oldest Inhabitants' association and a large number of prominent citizens.

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### **Wills of Two Well-Known Citizens**

#### **Requests of Capt. W.W. Moore and Mr. Edwin D. Hartley**

Capt. W.W. Moore's will, made January 16, 1884, and filed yesterday, is attested by Wm. Thompson, 1219 I street; Geo. G. Breitbarth, 421 7th street, and Abner B. Kelly, 507 E street northwest. He gives all his estate to his wife, Lucinda Ann Moore, for life, and at her death to his children; Emily Jane Campbell, W.G. Moore, Mary A. McFarlan, Alex. D. Moore, Julia Jourse, James Gales Moore, Ida M. Baldwin Middleton, John R. Moore, John F. Moore and Bettie R. Moore. He directs that proper monuments be erected in his lot at the Congressional cemetery, and appoints W.G. Moore and Dr. Daniel McFarlan his executors.