

## **Benjamin French Queen** **(5 May 1846 – 30 Oct 1917)**

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**Queen.** On Tuesday, October 30, 1917, at 9:20 a.m., at his residence, 115 B street southeast, Benjamin French, beloved son of the late John Randolph and Margaret Queen, in the seventy-second year of his age. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, November 1, at 2 p.m. Interment in Congressional Cemetery.

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### **Benjamin French Queen Dies**

#### **Lifelong Resident of Washington Passes Away on B Street**

Benjamin French Queen, a lifelong resident of Washington, died in his seventy-second year, yesterday at his residence, 115 B street southeast. Funeral services are to be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at his residence. Interment is to be in Congressional cemetery.

Mr. Queen was a familiar figure to those who passed through the lobby of the National Hotel, having conducted a cigar stand there for more than forty-five years. He was a member of the Masonic order.

Mr. Queen is survived by two brothers, Thomas B. Queen and John F. Queen, and a sister, Mrs. Henry Slye.

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### **Benjamin French Queen Funeral Held At Home**

#### **Had Conducted Cigar and Newsstand at National Hotel for Forty-Five Years**

Funeral services for Benjamin French Queen were held at his home, 122 B street southeast, yesterday afternoon, Rev. Edgar Cordell Powers officiating. The interment took place at Congressional cemetery. The pallbearers, Alexander McKenzie, George Wright, Fred Giesecking, Harry Parker, Malcomb Hufty and Albert Fox represented LaFayette Lodge No. 19, F.A.A.M.; LaFayette Royal Arch Chapter, No. 5, and Washington Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templare, of each of which the deceased had long been a member. Albert Pike Consistory, M.R.S., of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, of which Mr. Queen was a Mason of the thirty-second degree, was also represented.

Mr. Queen was born in Washington, May 5, 1846, and had lived here all his life. For forty-five years he was the proprietor of the cigar and newsstand at the National Hotel and a familiar figure in its history. His great grandfather, Benjamin More, was the editor of the Washington Gazette in 1796. It was perhaps the first newspaper ever published here.

He was a descendant of Richard Queen, who built Queen's Chapel, at Langdon, in 1722, which was burned by the British in the war of 1812, and the deeds recorded in the old city of St. Marys, the first capital of Maryland, show that the property was part of the grant known as Haddock Hills, an estate which was allotted to the Queens in 1657. Haddock Hills embraced practically two counties and from it were carved out the Queens' holdings, Barbadoes and the Seamen's Delight.

Mr. Queen is survived by two brothers, Thomas B. and John F. Queen, and one sister, Mrs. Henry Slye.