

Benjamin Wesley Reid

(11 Apr 1869 – 19 Aug 1939)

Reid, Benjamin W. On Saturday, August 19, 1939 at Providence Hospital, Benjamin W. Reid, beloved husband of the late Mary Fannie Reid and father of Mrs. Pauline Aydlepe, Mrs. Vera Orem and Mrs. Ruth Havenner. Funeral from Chambers Funeral Home, 517 11th street s.e. on Tuesday, August 22 at 1:15 p.m.; thence to Anacostia Baptist Church, 13th and W streets s.e. where services will be held at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

The Evening Star, August 21, 1939, p. A6

Benjamin W. Reid, 70, Retired Fireman, Dies

Benjamin W. Reid, 70, retired fireman and Government employe in various capacities for more than 40 years, died Saturday in Providence Hospital after a three months illness.

Born in Fauquier County, Va, Mr. Reid came to Washington 50 years ago. He made his home at 1416 U street S.E.

He was a fireman from 1904 to 1922, retiring as a lieutenant. Later he was a special policeman with the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

Mr. Reid was a Knight of the Maccabees and was active in the Baptist Church here and in Virginia.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Vera Orem, California; Mrs. Ruth Havenner, Minnesota, and Mrs. Pauline Aydlett, Washington.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. at the Anacostia Baptist Church. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

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Benjamin Reid, U.S. Employe 44 Years, Dies at 70

Benjamin Wesley Reid, 70, of 1416 U street southeast, died yesterday in Providence Hospital after three months' illness. Mr. Reid came to Washington from Fauquier County, Va., 50 years ago, and was employed in the Government service in various capacities nearly 44 years.

After eight years as a nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, he entered the District Fire Department in 1904, and in 1918 was promoted to the rank of lieutenant. Retiring from the department several years later, he went to the National Capital Park Police, where he served some 15 years.

Mr. Reid was the son of Wesley and Sarah Reid, of Nokesville, Va. In 1896, he married Miss Mary Fannie Herndon, of Sayman, Va.

He leaves three daughters, Mrs. Vera Orem, of California, Mrs. Ruth Havenner, of Minnesota, and Mrs. Pauline Aydlette, of this city, and five grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tomorrow at Anacostia Baptist Church, with burial in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Reid was a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, and an active member of the Baptist Church in Washington and Virginia.