

## James H. Richards

(1 Oct 1836 – 19 Jan 1907)

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**Richards.** Suddenly, on January 19, 1907, at 11 o'clock p.m., James H. Richards, beloved husband of Ellen D. Richards, in the seventy-first year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, 1117 New Jersey avenue southeast, Tuesday, January 22, at 2 o'clock p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.



JAMES H. RICHARDS

**Richards.** Headquarters Potomac Post, No. 11, G.A.R. Comrades: It becomes my sad duty to announce the death of our beloved and honored comrade, James H. Richards. All comrades are requested to attend the funeral from his late residence, 1117 New Jersey avenue southeast, on Tuesday, January 22, 1907, at 2 o'clock. By order,

W.A. O'Meara, Commander  
W.H. Hoover, Adjt.

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### **Found Dead in Chair**

#### **James H. Richards the Victim of Heart Failure**

James H. Richards, sixty-seven years old, of 1117 New Jersey avenue southeast, was found dead in a chair in the dining room at his home at 12:15 o'clock this morning. He was last seen alive shortly before midnight by his wife, and he then seemed in his usual good health and was smoking. Harry Richards, a son, entered the room at quarter past twelve and found his father partly on the floor and partly on the chair and with life extinct. Heart failure was given as the cause of death. Deceased was the father of Dr. Richards, one of the police surgeons of the District.

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### **Funeral Services Tomorrow**

#### **Last Rites Over Remains of Veteran Soldier of Civil War**

The funeral of James H. Richards, who was both a veteran soldier and a veteran resident of the District, will take place from his late residence, 1117 New Jersey avenue southeast, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Commander W.A. O'Meara of Potomac Post, No. 11, G.A.R., of which deceased was a member, has issued an order of regret and calling upon all members of the post to attend the obsequies.

The death of James H. Richards came suddenly about 11 o'clock Saturday night, he being found dead in his chair. He was one of the oldest residents of East Washington, having been born in the District October 1, 1836. He was for many years identified with the business interests of the city, his father having been one of the pioneers in the manufacture of brick. The son succeeded his father and carried on the business for nearly forty years, retiring about five years ago, after which he devoted himself to real estate interests.

He was an enthusiastic Odd Fellow, having been elected chevalier of that order some years ago. He also occupied a high place in the fraternal order of Red Men, and was a member of the Grand Army. He

was one of the minutemen of 1861. Under the late Dr. McKim of Capitol Hill, who was captain of Company C of the District National Guard. Mr. Richards served as first lieutenant, and for the last fifteen years he had held the presidency of the Volunteer Firemen's Association.

His wife, Mrs. Ellen D. Richards, four sons, William J. Fulton, George and Henry, and three daughters, Adelaide, Nellie and Mrs. Keith, survive him.