

## Nehemiah Robey

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**Robey.** On Sunday, March 5, 1899, at 10 o'clock a.m., after a lingering illness, Nehemiah Robey, beloved husband of Octavia Robey, in the 72d year of his age.

Farewell, dear father, sweet thy rest,  
Weary with years and worn with pain,  
Farewell, till in some happy place  
We shall behold thy face again.

'Tis ours to meet thee all our years  
And tender memories of thee keep;  
Shine in the Lord to rest, for so  
He giveth His beloved sleep.

Funeral from Second Baptist Church, 4th street and Virginia avenue, on Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m.  
Friends and relatives invited to attend.

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### **Death of Nehemiah Robey Had Been a Resident of District Over Fifty Years**

Nehemiah Robey died yesterday morning at his residence, No. 303 Harrison street, Anacostia, aged 72 years. He was one of the oldest and most widely-known citizens of this part of the District. Born in Fairfax county, Virginia, Mr. Robey came to Anacostia over fifty years ago. He acquired considerable property in Anacostia. During the civil war, and for some time before and after, he was employed in the Washington navy yard as a machinist. In later years he conducted a small grocery business and gardening in this locality. He married in Anacostia. For over forty years Mr. Robey had been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being connecting at the time of his death with Harmony Lodge, No. 9, of which he was a past grand.

A widow and eight children survive him. The latter are Mrs. M.E. Ash, Mrs. O.V. Pitcher, Mrs. Annie Alder, Miss Emma J. Robey and Messrs. J.R., W.H. Benjamin F. and Thomas E. Robey. Funeral services over the remains of the deceased will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Second Baptist Church, corner of 4th street and Virginia avenue southeast. The pastor, Rev. E. Hez Swem, will officiate. Mr. Robey had been an attendant at this church for some years. Harmony Lodge, No. 9, I.O.O.F., of Washington will be represented at the funeral.

The interment will be made at the Congressional cemetery.

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### **Funeral of Nehemiah Robey**

The funeral of Nehemiah Robey, who died Sunday morning at his residence in Anacostia, was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Second Baptist Church, 4th street and Virginia avenue southeast. The pastor, Rev. E. Hez Swem, officiated, assisted by Rev. E.W. Bliss of Anacostia. The pallbearers were selected from Harmony Lodge, No. 9, I.O.O.F., of which the deceased was a member, and from the men of the church. The rites of the lodge were conducted at the grave. The interment was made in Congressional cemetery.