

## Walter F. Rodrick

(1856 – 5 Apr 1905)

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*The Washington Times, April 6, 1905*

### Sudden Death of Walter F. Rodrick

Walter F. Rodrick, secretary of the Board of Education, died at his residence, 151 Kentucky avenue southeast, last night at 8:15 o'clock, as the result of complications ending in heart trouble.



Nearly all winter Mr. Rodrick has been ill with inflammatory rheumatism, which lately developed into heart trouble. Yesterday afternoon the physician said he did not think Mr. Rodrick was in danger.

Mr. Rodrick was well known in the District, and was a prominent figure in all of the affairs of the Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, serving as its recording steward for many years. He was also well known in Masonic circles, being a member of Lafayette Lodge, F.A.A.M.

Mr. Rodrick was born in 1856, in Frederick County, Md., where he learned the printer's trade. He later came to the District and obtained a position in the Government Printing Office, where he was employed for twenty-five years, when he obtained the position of secretary of the Board of Education.

Mr. Rodrick is survived by his widow, three brothers, three sisters, and his mother.

Funeral services will be held at the home Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Services will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Ferguson, pastor of Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church. The interment will be in the Congressional Cemetery.

*The Evening Star, April 8, 1905*

### Funeral Services For Walter F. Rodrick

The body of Walter F. Rodrick, was buried in the Congressional Cemetery at 11 o'clock this morning.

At 10 o'clock the Rev. Dr. Ferguson, pastor of Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, held services at the late home of the deceased, 151 Kentucky avenue northwest. Members of Lafayette Lodge, F.A.A.M., were present at the services.

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*The Evening Star, April 12, 1905, p. 16*

### Mr. Rodrick's Will

#### Bequests by the Former Secretary of Board of Education

By the terms of the will of the late Walter F. Rodrick, who was secretary of the board of education, his wife, Mrs. Mott L. Rodrick, is to have such of the books, pictures and household furniture as she may select. A. Carty Rodrick, C. Burton Rodrick, Roland R. Rodrick, Mary M. Mitchell, Ada M. Rodrick and Carrie E. Rodrick, brothers and sister of the testator, are then to select what they wish that may be left after Mrs. Rodrick's selection, and the remainder is left to A. Carty Rodrick and C. Burton Rodrick, as trustees, with directions to expend \$100 for books of reference to be selected by the pastor and

superintendent of the Sunday school of Wesley Chapel M.E. Church, the books to be presented to the Sunday school board of the church for the use of the teachers. The testator's wife is to be paid the income from the estate during her life, and after her death the income is to go to Mr. Rodrick's mother, Mrs. Mary E. Rodrick, during her life, if she be living at the time the wife of the testator dies.

The principal of the estate after the death of both the wife and the mother of the testator is to be divided among his brothers and sisters then living. If none of them be alive at that time, \$5,000 is to go to the Methodist Home of the District of Columbia, and the residue to the trustees of Wesley Chapel M.E. Church, to be held in trust and the income applied toward the expenses of music for the church services and the expenses of the Sunday school. The will was executed June 3, 1904.