

James T. Roland

(- 27 Sep 1937)

Roland, James T. On Monday, September 27, 1937, James T. Roland, beloved husband of the late Mammie E. Roland. Funeral from his late residence 463 N st. s.w., Thursday, September 30, at 11 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery. Relatives and friends invited.

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J.T. Roland Dies; Veteran motorman

Had Traveled 1,300,000 Miles Through D.C. Streets in Last 50 Years

James T. Roland, 76 of 463 n street southwest, who, it is estimated traveled 1,300,000 miles through Washington streets as motorman for street railway companies, died yesterday in a private sanitarium after an illness of several months.

Mr. Roland, who retired in October, 1935, had operated all types of street cars during his many years of service. In 1883 he drove a one-horse car for the Metropolitan Railway Co., relatives related. Subsequently, he operated cable cars. When these were replaced by the faster trolley cars, he kept up with the times and ran the latter. In the early days of his career he is said to have worked for as little as 12 cents an hour.

For many years he was with the old Washington Railway & Electric Co., going over to the Capital Transit Co. at the time of the street railway company merger several years ago.

Surviving are two sisters Mrs. Charles H. Lambert and Mrs. Bernice R. Sweetman, and a brother, William H. Roland, all of this city.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Roland residence. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.