

James F. Scaggs

(1856 – 19 Dec 1907)

Scaggs. On Thursday, December 19, 1907 after a long and painful illness, James F. Scaggs, eldest son of the late James Scaggs and Martha C. Scaggs in the 52nd year of his age. Funeral services will be held at 5th Baptist Church, Sunday, December 22 at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited to attend.



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Death of James F. Scaggs

Member of Local Bar Victim of Bright's Disease

Prominent Member of Secret Fraternities and Identified With Numerous Local Interests

James F. Scaggs, a prominent member of the bar of the District of Columbia, died this morning at Providence Hospital, after a protracted illness. Arrangements for the funeral are being made, but have not been completed.

Mr. Scaggs was a native of Maryland, and was fifty-one years of age. He came to this city while yet a boy and learned the printers' trade.

He was employed for a time in the government printing office, and while so employed studied law and graduated about twenty-five years ago from the law school of Georgetown College. Entering upon the practice of his profession he attained high rank and practiced in all the courts of the District.

Until about two years ago Mr. Scaggs was president of the Southwest Washington Citizens' Association, and was otherwise identified with local interests, but ill-health compelled him to resign. He had for several years past been a sufferer from Bright's

disease, but until Saturday last, when he was taken to the hospital, he was able, in a large measure, to attend to business at his office in the Columbian building, 5th street northwest.

Mr. Scaggs was unmarried, but a brother and Mrs. Everette, a sister, both of this city survive him. Mr. Scaggs was prominent in Masonic affairs, being a past master of Lafayette Lodge, F.A.A.M., of this city. He was a member of the deMolay Commandery, Knights Templar, and of the Mystic Shrine. He was also a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Odd Fellows.

It is understood that the funeral will be in charge of the Masonic fraternity.

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Funeral of James F. Scaggs

Services in Fifth Baptist Church Sunday Afternoon

Funeral services over the remains of James F. Scaggs, a member of the District bar, who died early yesterday morning at Providence Hospital, will be held in the Fifth Baptist Church, E street southwest, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Weston Bruner, pastor of the church will conduct the services. The deceased was a member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 19, F.A.A.M.; of DeMolay Commandery, Knights

Templar, and of Almas Temple of the Mystic Shrine. The pallbearers will be selected from the membership of these organizations. The members of Lafayette Lodge will have charge of the services.

Mr. Scaggs was the eldest son of James S. and Martha C. Scaggs, both deceased. Born in this city in 1856, Mr. Scaggs received his education in public and private schools here. In August 1873, he was appointed an apprentice in the government printing office to learn the printing trade, where he continued for thirteen years. Subsequently, as stated in *The Star* yesterday, he graduated in law from the Georgetown University Law School, receiving the faculty cash prize for general proficiency as a student. In June, 1887, he resigned his position in the government printing office, and was for thirteen years an examiner for the Columbia Title Insurance Company, which position he resigned to enter a private practice of the law. As a speaker Mr. Scaggs made quite a reputation, and it is said of him that he reflected the highest credit on the printing craft as a successful man in the professional world. Mrs. Emma L. Everett, his sister, and one brother, Eugene C. Scaggs, survive him. The remains will be placed in a vault at Congressional Cemetery to await interment.

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Will of James F. Scaggs

The will of James F. Scaggs, dated November 7, 1906, was filed today for probate. The sum of \$50 is bequeathed to the trustees of the Fifth Baptist Church for the purchase of suitable books for the Sabbath school library and to be known as the Alice M. Whitmore Scaggs and Deborah E. Whitmore collection. His remaining estate is devised to Mrs. Hannah Pettit.

Mrs. Pettit, who is also named as executrix, this afternoon filed a renunciation of any claim under the will. The estate, it is said, will probably be divided between the brother and sister of the deceased.

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Tribute To The Dead

Final Services Over Remains of James F. Scaggs

Impressive ceremonies, conducted by the Rev. D. Weston Bruner, pastor of the Fifth Baptist Church, in E street southwest, near 6th street, where the funeral services were held, marked the burial of James F. Scaggs, who died at Providence Hospital last Thursday.

Dr. Bruner took his text from Isaiah, "However useful or beautiful one's life, it is soon finished." The pastor sketched the life of Mr. Scaggs, telling of his achievements, of his character and his attitude toward religion.

"The value of life," Dr. Bruner said, "is measured by the friends made and the kindly acts done. It is unnecessary for me to praise our departed brother. This great concourse present is the best eulogy that could be delivered to his life and works."

After the sermon funeral services according to the ritual of the Knights Templar were conducted by members of DeMolay Commandery, under the leadership of the prelate, William Hart Dexler.

These services concluded, the hymn "Nearer My God to Thee" was sung and while its strains still sounded in the church the casket was borne between lines of Knights Templar extending to the street.

Lafayette Lodge, F.A.A.M., of which Mr. Scaggs was a past master, conducted the services at the grave according to its ritual.

Mr. Scaggs, who was fifty years old, was a graduate of Georgetown Law School, and practiced his profession in this city. Until two years ago, when ill health compelled his resignation, he was president of the Southwest Citizens' Association. Although for a long time he had been suffering from Bright's disease, he continued his work at his office in the Columbian building, and before the courts, until a

week ago Saturday, when he was taken to Providence Hospital. His sister, Mrs. Emma L. Everette, and his brother, Eugene C. Scaggs, are his only surviving relatives. Mr. Scaggs never married.