

John Sessford

(- 23 Feb 1862)

Sessford. On Sunday evening at 6-1/2 o'clock, John Sessford, Sr., aged 86, a resident of this city for the past 63 years.

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Death Of An Old Citizen

We have to announce the death of the venerable John Sessford, which occurred at seven o'clock last evening. Mr. Sessford was about eighty-seven years of age and one of the oldest, if not the oldest resident of Washington. He had served in many important positions in this city and always with such credit to himself and satisfaction to the community that it would be difficult to find a person who could point out a single improper act in all his official career. As a citizen, as a neighbor, as a Christian, he had no superior in the estimation of his fellow-citizens.

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The Funeral of Mr. John Sessford

will take place tomorrow (Friday) at 2-1/2 o'clock p.m. from the E street Baptist Church where the friends of the family are requested to attend without further notice.

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Funerals Yesterday

The late John Sessford, who had identified himself for many years with the progress of our city, and was universally esteemed in this community, was buried yesterday. The funeral services were held in the East Baptist church, and the ceremonies were of a most impressive and solemn character. Prayer was first offered by Rev. Dr. Samson; after which Rev. John C. Smith read the 10th Psalm. A sermon was then preached by Rev. Dr. Hill, from the text: "He was a good man and just." A large number of the friends of the deceased and his family were present, including several veterans of 1812 and many Government clerks.