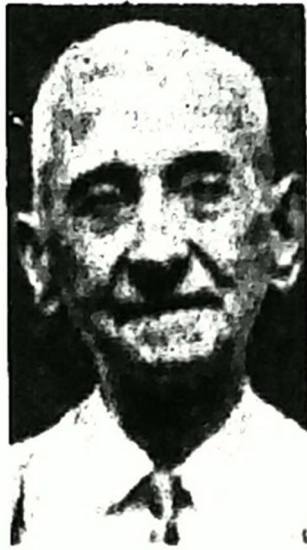


Freeman W. Sharp (1864 - 10 May 1950)

Sharp, Freeman W., Sr. On Wednesday, May 10, 1950., at his residence, 709 E st. s.e., Freeman W. Sharp, Sr., beloved husband of Margaret H. Sharp (nee Allan), father of Freeman W. Sharp, jr.; brother of Harry E. Sharp of Miami, Fla.; grandfather of Freeman Stringham, Ellen Rose and Sylvania Ann Sharp. Friends may call at the Lee Funeral Home, 4th st. and Mass ave. n.e., where services will be held on Saturday. May 13, at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.



Mr. Sharp.

Sharp, Freeman W. A special communication of Lebanon Lodge, No. 7, F.A.A.M., is called for Saturday May 13, 1950, at 1 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 13th st. and New York ave. n.w., to conduct Masonic services at the funeral of our late brother, Freeman W. Sharp.

Adelbert W. Heinmiller, Master
Arthur M. Robinson, Sec.

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Rites for F.W. Sharp Today; Naval Expert On Guns Was 86

Funeral services for Freeman W. Sharp, Sr., 86, retired Navy Yard ordnance expert who invented tools for rifling big naval guns, were to be held at 2 p.m. today in the Lee funeral home, Fourth Street and Massachusetts Avenue N.E. Burial was to be in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Sharp, a pioneer tool maker of the Navy Yard here, died Wednesday at his home, 709 E Street, S.E. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Retiring in 1931 after 31 years service in the Navy Yard, Mr. Sharp during his career contributed greatly to the efficiency with which large naval guns are "bored" to spiral shells to aid in maintaining true aim. His invention of "heads" -- the term used for such a rifling tool -- saved much valuable time in the rifling of weapons.

Later, Mr. Sharp improved the procedure by eliminating the necessity of having another device to oil the interior of the gun by an invention which combined the oiling with the rifling in the same head.

In World War I, the Government sent Mr. Sharp to various private firms to assist them in accelerating production of big guns.

Born in Island Falls, Maine, Mr. Sharp became an apprentice toolmaker in Hartford, Conn. After working for several private concerns, he spent five years in Mexico helping construction a section of the Mexican Central Railroad over the Sierra Madre Mountains near Tampico.

During the Spanish-American War, he joined the Navy Yard in Norfolk and in 1900 came to the Navy Yard here.

Mr. Sharp belonged to Lebanon Masonic Lodge No. 7 here, Franklin Chapter, Royal Arch Masonic, in New Haven, and Washington Commandery, Knights Templare. He was a member of the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, Fourth and B Streets S.E.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Margaret H. Sharp, a son, Freeman W. Sharp, Jr., 6100 - 43rd Street, Hyattsville, and a brother a brother, Harry E. Sharp of Miami. Three grandchildren also survive (Freeman Stringham, Ellen Rose and Sylvia Ann Sharp).