

Charles Shelse

(- 25 Jan 1918)

Shelse. On Friday, January 25, 1918 at 10:30 p.m., Charles, husband of Georgiana C. Shelse. Funeral on Monday, January 28 at 11 a.m. at the chapel in Congressional Cemetery. Please omit flowers.

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Charles Shelse Dies

Was Civil War Veteran and Long in Government Service

Charles Shelse, civil war veteran and long-time government employee, died Friday night. Funeral services are to be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at the chapel of Congressional cemetery.

Mr. Shelse was born in Denmark and came to this country when a young man. He fought in the civil war, and at the close of the conflict came to Washington, where he entered the employ of the War Department, remaining there ever since. He was seventy five years old. He was connected with the Masonic order.

Mr. Shelse is survived by his widow, Mrs. Georgiana C. Shelse; two sons, Ronne Shelse and Carl Shelse, and two daughters, Mrs. M.P. Archer and Miss Helen Shelse.

History of the Naval Lodge, No. 4, F.A.A.M.

Charles Shelse, Worshipful Master during the years 1880-82, was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, July 14, 1842; came to this country in August 1860; saw service in the War of the Rebellion as a member of the 11th N.Y. H.A. from April 1, 1863 to Sept. 1, 1865; subsequently was private and sergeant in General Service till 1874, since which time he has held a position of responsibility in the War Department; was initiated in Harmony Lodge, No. 17, Feb. 5, 1867; passed April 10, 1867; raised May 21, 1867; affiliated with Naval Lodge, April 1, 1871; exalted in Washington Naval R.A. Chapter, No. 6, Sept. 16, 1873; knighted in Washington Commandery, No. 1, June 15, 1874, and served as Recorder of that body from 1885 to 1896; received the Scottish Rite degrees in Mithras Lodge of Perfection, No. 1, and Evangelist Chapter, Rose Croix; is a member of Almas Temple, A.A.O.M.S., and of Lincoln Post, No. 3, Department of Potomac, G.A.R.