

## John Eston Smallwood, Sr.

(4 Jun 1862 – 8 Apr 1930)

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**Smallwood, John E.** On Tuesday, April 8, 1930, after a short illness, at his residence, 634 East Capitol st., John E. Smallwood, beloved husband of the late Mattie C. Smallwood. Funeral services at his late residence Friday, April 11, at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.



**Smallwood, John E.** The officers and members of Mount Vernon Council, No. 10, Jr.O.U.A.M., are requested to attend the funeral of our late recording secretary, Brother John E. Smallwood, from his late residence, 634 E. Capitol st., Friday, April 11, 1930, at 2 p.m.

W.R. Klotz, Councilor,  
E.C. Crouch, Asst. Secy.

**Smallwood, John E.** A special communication of National Lodge, No. 12, F.A.A.M., is called for Friday, April 11, 193, at 1 p.m., at Masonic Temple, 13th st. and New York ave. n.w., to attend the funeral of our late brother, John E. Smallwood. By order of the master.

William E Schooley, Sec. 10

**Smallwood John E.** Member s of Mount Vernon Council, No. 18, D. of A., are notified to attend funeral from his late residence 634 East Capitol st. on Friday, 2 p.m.  
Edna Haywood, Council 10

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### **J.E. Smallwood, 67, Dies at Residence**

#### **Navy Yard Employe and Leader in Fraternal Circles**

#### **To Be Buried Friday**

John E. Smallwood 67 years old, prominent member of local fraternal circles and supervisor of surveys at the Washington Navy Yard, died yesterday at his residence, 834 East Capitol street. He was stricken early in the morning with a heart attack.

Mr. Smallwood, a lifelong resident of Washington entered the Navy Yard at 12 years of age, serving continuously for 55 years as one of the loongest records of uninterrupted service in local government branches.

A lieutenant in the District National Guard, Mr. Smallwood was a drill master of several teams of Mount Vernon Council, No. 10, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, of which he was recording secretary for 27 years. He was a charter member and organizer of Mount Vernon Council, No. 18, Daughters of America. His fraternal affiliations also included membership in National Lodge, No. 12, F.A.A.M.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. M. Guy Yost and Mrs. Herbert Poole, and a son, J. Eston Smallwood, jr. Two brothers, Isaac C. and L. Vernon, also survive.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the residence, with J. Frank Steelman, pastor of Trinity M.E. Church, officiating. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.

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### **Funeral Services Held For John E. Smallwood**

#### **Capital Native Served at Navy Yard for 55 Years Without Interruption**

Funeral services for John E. Smallwood, 67 years old, lifelong resident of Washington and supervisor of surveys at the Washington Navy Yard, who died Tuesday at his residence, 834 East Capitol street, were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the residence. Interment was in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Smallwood served at the yard continuously for 55 years, one of the longest periods of uninterrupted service on Government record.

He was a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Mount Vernon Council, No. 18, Daughters of America, and the National Lodge, No. 12, F.A.A.M.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. M. Guy Yost and Mrs. Herbert Poole, and a son, J. Eston Smallwood, jr. Two brothers, Isaac C. And L. vernon, also survive.

### **John Eston Smallwood, Sr.**

#### **Navy Yard Supervisor and Washington Light Guard Lieutenant**

(by Patricia Smallwood Sheetz  
Huntington, Maryland)

John Eston Smallwood was born in Washington, DC on the 4th of June 1862 to Lemuel B. Smallwood and Mary Elizabeth Bartlett. John was named after his grandfather, John Smallwood (1800-1882). He was approximately 5'10" in height, thin and always wore a mustache.

What little is known about John Eston has been abstracted from his official work record. By 1874, John was 12 years old and working at the Navy Yard which is located on M Street in Washington, DC. He was the third generation of Smallwood's to work there, serving continuously for 55 years, one of the longest records of uninterrupted service in local government branches. He started as a helper and was promoted three times. His final position was supervisor of surveys for the Navy Yard.

Besides his position with the Navy Yard John found time to serve with the District National Guard, as a Lieutenant. He was also a drill master of several teams of the Mount Vernon Council No. 10 Junior Order of United American Mechanics, of which he was recording secretary for 27 years. As a charter member of the Mount Vernon Council he created and organized the Mount Vernon Council No. 18, Daughters of America. His fraternal affiliations included membership in the National Lodge No. 12, F.A.A.M.

In 1885, John married Mattie Cornelia Turner the daughter of Zachariah Turner and Ann Rebecca Latham. They had three children (1) Ida Gertrude Smallwood (Yost); (2) Mary Ella Rebecca Smallwood (Poole); and one son, (3) John Eston Smallwood Jr.

He died of a heart attack at 834 East Capitol Street, his residence at the time. John Eston Smallwood Sr. is buried along with his wife at Congressional Cemetery, Range 70, Site 2, Sec. D.

#### **Sources:**

Census Records

Boyd's Directory

Family History

Congressional Cemetery Records