

Charles F. Smith

(31 Jan 1840 – 30 Sep 1894)

Smith. Suddenly on September 29, 1894 at 11:40 o'clock p.m. at his residence, 321 A street southeast, Charles F. beloved husband of Mary E. Smith in the 54th year of his age. Funeral will take place from his late residence, Tuesday, October 2 at 2 o'clock p.m.

The Evening Star, Monday, October 1, 1894

Death of Chas. F. Smith

Mr. Charles F. Smith, for many years superintendent of the Congressional cemetery, and for the past two years a clerk in the pension office, died suddenly of dropsy Saturday night at his residence, No. 321 A street southeast. He was in apparently good health when he retired at 10 o'clock, but shortly before his death he arose and tottered downstairs, telling his family he was ill. He lay down on the parlor sofa and in a few minutes was a corpse. He leaves a widow and five children. The body will be buried with Masonic honors at Congressional cemetery tomorrow afternoon, the deceased having been a prominent member of Naval Lodge, No. 4.

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December 15, 1892, a committee consisting of Past Masters, Charles A. Stockett and Arthur J. Symonds and Brother Charles F. Smith, appointed Nov. 17, 1892, reported recommending the site on the northwest corner of 4th street and Pennsylvania avenue, S.E. ... May 4, 1893, the following building committee was appointed: ... Charles F. Smith, ... who died Sept. 29, 1894, less than five months before the completion of the building. While never having served the Lodge as its Master, he was one of the most earnest and valuable workers, and contributed largely by his efforts to its success. He was for years the Superintendent of the Congressional Cemetery, and was subsequently employed at clerical work in the Pension Office. At the time of his death he was in his 54th year.