

Chauncey Smith

(- 10 Mar 1882)

Smith. Of pneumonia, on March 10th, 1882, in this city, Chauncey Smith, in the 80th year of his age. Due notice of time and place of funeral hereafter.

The Evening Star, March 10, 1882

Death of an Aged Government Clerk

Mr. Chauncey Smith, for 43 years past a clerk in the Post Office department, died at his residence 225 B street northwest, today, of pneumonia. Mr. Smith had attained the ripe old age of 80 and was ill but three days. His brethren of the Masonic fraternity, of which he was a prominent officer, as well as his host of friends throughout the city, will be grieved to learn of his sudden taking off. His life was devoted to acts of genuine charity and kindness.

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The Funeral of Chauncey Smith, who for nearly fifty years held responsible positions in the Post Office department, took place yesterday afternoon from the Masonic Temple, which was crowded by his many friends of the Masonic fraternity, of which he was a prominent member. The casket containing the remains was taken from the late residence of the deceased, on B street, and borne to the Temple, where it was placed in the center of the large hall. The Masonic choir rendered some appropriate selections and the funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Sunderland, who recited the pure and blameless private and unostentatious life of the deceased and his love of true charity. At the close of Dr. Sunderland's remarks the Knights Templars services were performed. The pall-bearers were E.G. Davis, Myron M. Parker, I.L. Johnson, R.W. Handy, A.T. Longley, Frank Marshall, M.B. Sutter and A.L. Fox, representing the various branches of the Masonic order to which the deceased was attached. The remains were interred in Congressional Cemetery, where the funeral rites of the blue lodge were celebrated.