

David Randolph Smith

(- 14 Apr 1876)

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Mr. David R. Smith, the well-known contractor, died at his residence, No. 220 3d street southeast, about 12 o'clock last night, quite suddenly. Mr. Smith was out attending to his business on Wednesday, but on Thursday, feeling unwell, he remained at home. In the evening of that day, he had a paralytic stroke and spasms ensued at intervals until his death as above stated.

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The Sudden Death of Mr. David R. Smith

On Friday night last was briefly noticed in The Star of Saturday. Mr. Smith was a native of New York city, and in early life was a contractor for railroad work, etc. During the war he was an officer of the 15th New York regiment (engineers), which was for some months quartered east of the navy yard. After the war closed and on being mustered out he brought his family here and settled. Under President Johnson's administration he held the position of justice of the peace, and was attached to the office of Judge Fisher, the district attorney, for some months. Under the late district government he went into the business of contracting and did some very important lines of work, among others, paving 1st street west, in connection with which he tore up the line of railroad track connecting the Baltimore and Ohio railroad with the Alexandria railroad. He was also a contractor on the Capitol grounds, and his last work was the improvement of I street north. Mr. Smith had a large circle of acquaintances. He was a member of B.B. French Lodge of Masons, who will attend his funeral from his late residence, on 3d street, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

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Local News

The funeral of the late David R. Smith, whose death was noticed in The Star of Saturday, took place yesterday from his residence, on 3d street southeast, and was attended by a large concourse of his friends. Dr. Sunderland had charge of the religious services at the house, and the remains were followed by B.B. French Lodge of Masons to the Congressional Cemetery, where the interment took place.