

M.J. Moody Smith

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Death of a Well-Known Citizen

M. J. Moody Smith, an old Treasury clerk and well-known citizen of this District for the last thirty years, died at his residence, No. 1222 Pennsylvania avenue, on Sunday night at 9 o'clock, after a few days' illness, aged about 73 years. M. Smith was a native of Massachusetts, and immigrated to Ohio when a young man, where he identified himself with the early settlers of that state in many important enterprises, and was generally known and respected there and in Kentucky, where he was also well-known. For over twenty-four years he has been a clerk in the Treasury department, where he was noted for his efficiency. He was one of the oldest Masons in this District, having been connected with the fraternity for more than fifty years. The remains, encased in a costly walnut casket, covered with silver Masonic emblems, from the establishment of Mr. Anthony Buchly, undertaker, were removed from the former residence of the deceased to the Masonic Temple at 1 o'clock today, under the escort of Columbia Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templars, when the burial services of the Blue Lodge and Templars were performed. The interment will be made at Congressional Cemetery this afternoon, under the conduct of Rose Croix Evangelical Chapter, Scottish rite. The pall-bearers are from B.B. French Lodge, Columbia Commandery, Albert Pike Consistory, No. 1, S.S., Robert de Bruce Council No. 1, Knights Kadosh, and Mithras Lodge of Perfection.

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The Funeral of M. J. Moody Smith took place yesterday afternoon from Masonic Temple, as stated in yesterday's STAR. The burial services in the Temple were conducted in the Rose Croix degree by General Albert Pike, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish rite for the southern jurisdiction. The Masonic choir, under Professor Henry Bradley, sang some appropriate selections. Further Masonic ceremonies took place at the Congressional Cemetery.