

John H. Smoot

(- 29 Jan 1849)

Smoot. Yesterday morning, at 3 o'clock, of a lingering disease, Mr. John H. Smoot, for many years master joiner in the Washington Navy Yard, in the 53d year of his age. He was an affectionate husband, a kind and tender father, and his loss will be deeply felt by a companion and five children whom he leaves behind, as well as the community generally, by whom he was much respected and esteemed. The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from his late residence on 7th street east, near the Navy Yard, this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

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John H. Smoot served as a private in Captain Benjamin Burch's Company of 2nd Regiment of D.C. Artillery during the War of 1812, being stationed most of the time in the neighborhood of Piscataway, Maryland. After the war he was employed as master carpenter at the Washington Navy Yard. On March 13, 1827, he as a widower married Elizabeth Speiden, among those present at the ceremony were Mrs. Margaret Speiden and Mrs. Maranda Clubb. He died January 29, 1849, and was interred in Congressional Cemetery, Washington. On March 11, 1871, his widow Elizabeth Smoot applied for a pension under the act to provide for a service pension for the widows of the veterans of the War of 1812. Records show that she was living as late as 1878.