

Samuel M. Snedecker

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Samuel M. Snedecker died yesterday afternoon at the Washington Asylum Hospital, where he had been under treatment for a number of weeks. The deceased had been a citizen of this place for ten years past and had occupied a small house on Harrison street, where he conducted a little shoe shop. It was his custom to enjoy his pipe in the doorway and discuss with much quaintness topics of the day, as he had traveled extensively and had kept posted on current affairs. Mr. Snedecker was more than eighty years old. He often described his adventures in passing between the two hostile armies during the civil war, but it is not understood he was in the service of either. He was a resident of Virginia before coming to Anacostia. After the death of his wife Mr. Snedecker began to fail in health and he was finally sent to the hospital. He was a member of the Anacostia Methodist Episcopal Church and notice of his death was sent to Rev. Charles O. Isaac, the pastor, at Ocean Grove, N.J. Unless some one comes forward and renders assistance, it is stated, it is not certain that the body of the old citizen will be buried by that of his wife in a local cemetery. For this reason Rev. Mr. Isaac was notified. The old man was such a familiar figure and had become so well known that it is believed the necessary assistance will be found.

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The remains of Samuel M. Snedecker, whose death at the age of eighty occurred Sunday at the Washington Asylum Hospital, were this afternoon given burial beside those of his wife in the Congressional cemetery. An appeal was made to Rev. Charles O. Isaac, pastor of the Anacostia Methodist Episcopal Church, of which congregation the deceased was a member, to prevent the body from being interred in a pauper's grave, and the minister decided that the body of the aged man should repose beside that of his wife. The expense was borne by the Methodist Church. The grave of the wife was reopened and his body was there interred. Rev. H.M. Spencer, the pastor of the Congress Heights Methodist Episcopal Church, conducted a brief service at the grave.