

Matthew H. Stevens

(- 20 Sep 1936)

Stevens, Matthew Henry. On Sunday, September 20, 1936 at his residence, 1763 Columbia road n.w., Matthew Henry Stevens, beloved husband of Bernice E. Stevens and father of Mrs. Ivey J. Norwood, Miss Bernice E., Myrtle R. and Henry Eugene Stevens. Services at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, 17th and Church streets n.w. on Wednesday, September 23 at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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M.H. Stevens Dies, Noted D.C. Singer

Deceased Took Prominent Parts in Choirs and Operas Here

Matthew Henry (Harry) Stevens, 53, widely known Washington singer, died yesterday after a long illness at his home, 1763 Columbia road.



M. H. Stevens.

Mr. Stevens had been prominently identified in musical circles here for many years. For 23 years he was a member of the choir at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, until about five years ago as tenor soloist and choir master. He also sang in the quarter at St. Thomas and at various times in the quartets of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church and Washington Hebrew Congregation.

Sang in Opera

Some 15 or 20 years ago he took leading parts in operas produced here, singing in "Martha," "Faust," "The Mikado," "Pinafore" and others.

Mr. Stevens also composed a number of marches and songs, some of which were featured by the Marine and Navy Bands.

A native of this city, Mr. Stevens was a member of the Gridiron Club and the Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia.

In Photographic Business

Until about seven years ago he was identified with the photographic business, having worked for several studios before establishing his own. He was known as an expert retoucher of photographs.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Berenice Moore Stevens; three daughters, Mrs. George H. Norwood, Miss Berenice E. Stevens and Miss M. Romaine Stevens, a son, H. Eugene Stevens, and two sisters Miss Ella Stevens and Mrs. William Todd.

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Matthew H.H. Stevens Funeral Tomorrow

Funeral services for Matthew Henry (Harry) Stevens, 53, prominent Washington singer, who died Sunday at his home, 1763 Columbia road, will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow in St. Thomas' Episcopal Church. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Long prominently identified in musical circles, Mr. Stevens, for 23 years was a member of the choir of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, retiring about five years ago. A large part of this time he was tenor

soloist and choirmaster. He also sang in the quartet at St. Thomas' and at various times in the quartets of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church and Washington Hebrew Congregation.

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Last Rites Today For M.H. Stevens

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today for Matthew Henry Stevens, 53, prominent local singer, in St. Thomas' Episcopal Church. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Stevens for 23 years was a member of the choir of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. He retired about five years ago. Most of this time he was tenor soloist and choirmaster. He also sang in the quartets of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church and Washington Hebrew Congregation.

Mr. Stevens resided at 1763 Columbia road northwest.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Bernice Stevens; three daughters, Mrs. G.H. Norwood, Miss Bernice Stevens and Miss Romaine Stevens; a son, H. Eugene Stevens, and two sisters, Mrs. William Todd and Miss Ella Stevens.