

Frederick D. Stuart, Sr. (1 Jul 1811 – 25 Jan 1878)

The Evening Star, December 16, 1870

Fred. D. Stuart, Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, instituted Mount Royal Lodge, at Montreal, Canada, on Tuesday evening last. Mr. Stuart will return to his home in this city in a few days, preparatory to a mission through the Southern States in the interest of the fraternity. A dispensation has been granted for a Lodge at Culpepper Court House, Va., and it will be instituted by Mr. Stuart.



FREDERICK D. STUART
GRAND SIRE
1870-1872

The Evening Star, July 20, 1870

Mr. F.D. Stuart of this city, Deputy Grand Sire of Odd Fellows last evening returned from quite an extensive trip in the Southern States. Fred is looking remarkably well.

The Evening Star, June 19, 1872

The Portrait of Most Worthy Grand Sire, Fred. D. Stuart, I.O.O.F., was presented to the order by Mr. James L. Ridgely, grand corresponding and recording secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at Odd Fellows' hall, 7th street, last evening, in the presence of a large number of members and their families and friends. The portrait was accepted on behalf of the order, in an appropriate address, by W.W. Moore, Past Grand Sire. Mr. Theodore Kauffmann, the artist, was introduced, and was greeted with prolonged applause. Grand Sire F.D. Stuart was next introduced, and in a few fitting words thanked his brethren for the honor they had conferred upon him. During the evening several odes were sung by the audience. The Odd Fellows' choir sang a chorus entitled, "Awake Aeolian Lyre," which was loudly applauded."

The Evening Star, January 25, 1878

Death of F.D. Stuart

Mr. Frederick D. Stuart, well and favorably known throughout the country, especially from his connection with the order of Odd Fellows, of which he was Past Grand Sire, died of pneumonia this morning at his residence, No. 802 21st street, in the 64th year of his age, after an illness of one week. Mr. Stuart's wife died on the 11th instant of the same disease (pneumonia), and was buried on the 16th instant, and it is thought that Mr. Stuart took the cold which led to his fatal illness at her funeral. On Thursday week (the 17th instant) Mr. Stuart was at the Washington monument office for a short time, on the evening of that day was taken with a chill, and after that was unable to leave his bed.

Mr. Stuart was a native of Brooklyn, New York, but early in life came to Washington and always afterwards resided here, when not absent in the service of the government. His education was for the profession of civil engineer, but he was somewhat of an astronomer and a fair draftsman and architect, and was generally a well-informed man. Mr. Stuart was the private secretary of Admiral Wilkes when he, in the years 1839 to 1841 explored a large portion of the Antarctic continent, before unknown. After

the return of the expedition to the United States, Mr. Stuart was for years secretary to Admiral Wilkes. In 1853 he went with Capt. Ringgold's exploring expedition to Behring's straits as hydrographer. During the late war, Mr. Stuart saw considerable service. In July 1862, as acting master, he went on duty in the West India squadron under Admiral Wilkes, and in August 1863, after having spent two months "waiting orders," he took command of the U.S. steamer Calypso, and off the coast of North Carolina took on one of the most valuable prizes captured during the war – the blockade runner, Lady Sterling – which was converted into a U.S. war vessel and named the Hornet. In November, 1864, he was promoted acting volunteer lieutenant, and in June 1865, he was placed in command of the captured blockade runner Emma Henry, whose name was changed to the Wasp, and in July of that year he was ordered to the Washington Navy Yard, where he remained until October, and then, after a leave of absence until February 1866, he was honorably discharged from the service.

Mr. Stuart was ever a friend of popular education, and served as a trustee of public schools of this city both in the first and third districts, in each devoting a great amount of time to visiting the schools, and when he was forced by circumstances to resign that position, there was universal regret among pupils and teachers. June 19, 1875, Mr. Stuart was appointed one of the board of managers of the National Washington Monument Society, and his most valuable service in this connection after the board of engineers had examined and reported that one of the corners had settled, was in making it apparent to the board and the public that the engineer had taken the wrong bench mark. Mr. Stuart was a member of the Oldest Inhabitants Association.

Mr. Stuart was initiated a member of Friendship Lodge, No. 12, Independent Order of Odd Fellows', October 24, 1844, and was elected Noble Grand of that Lodge, April 21, 1846. He was admitted to the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, July 13, 1846, and was elected Grand Master, November 29, 1848 and Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, November 11, 1850. He was initiated a member of Mount Pisgah Encampment (now defunct) August 12, 1845 and at the institution of Ridgely Encampment, No. 5, October 9, 1846, was selected as its first Chief Patriarch; was admitted to the Grand Encampment February 6, 1847 and elected Grand Patriarch, August 10, 1852, and representative to G.L.U.S., August 30, 1850. He was Deputy Grand Sire of G.L.U.S. from 1868 to 1870 and Grand Sire from 1870 to 1872. He was selected as special commissioner to British North American and Canada East in 1867.

He also belonged to Harmony Lodge, Nights of Pythias, having been made a Knight on sight in California in 1869 by Samuel Read, the then Supreme Chancellor of the Supreme Lodge of the World, and was made a Past Grand Chancellor by the Grand Lodge of the District.

The Evening Star, January 26, 1878

The Late F.D. Stuart

Last evening the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Odd Fellows held meetings at the 7th street hall to take action in reference to the death of the late Past Grand Sire Frederick D. Stuart, and adopted resolutions in respect to his memory. At the special meeting of the Grand Lodge resolutions were adopted making arrangements for the funeral, inviting the lodge of Maryland and Virginia to attend the same, and directing the hall to be placed in mourning, and that the remains lie in state from 9 to 1 ½ o'clock tomorrow, in the main saloon. At the meeting of the Grand Encampment feeling remarks were made by Messrs. Joseph Burroughs, Grand Sire John W. Stokes of Philadelphia, John T. Given, Alex. Ashley, W.R. McLean, John E. Mason, Alfred H. Gawler, John F. Havenner, Samuel E. Douglass, and P.H. Reinohl. It is expected that the officers and many members of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Maryland and many of the subordinate bodies will attend the funeral. Last evening the Uniformed Patriarchs association of Baltimore made arrangements to come over, and they expect to arrive here by the B&P R.R. at 11:25 o'clock. It is more than likely the Alexandria lodges I.O.O.F. will be present. The

remains have been deposited in a walnut casket covered with black cloth, lined with white merino, and trimmed with silver. On the lid are two massive silver plates; one at the head of the casket, oval, and engraved as follows: The letters "I.O.O.F.," Odd Fellows' emblems and the words "Past Grand Sire." The other plate about midway between the head and the foot, is indicated as follows: "Frederick D. Stuart, born July 12, 1814; died January 25, 1878." The Washington National Monument Society met today at the judge advocate general's office, and adopted resolutions of respect to their fellow member, F.D. Stuart. Kit Carson Post, G.A.R. last night adopted similar resolutions.

The Evening Star, January 27, 1878

The Late F.D. Stuart – The following letter from the venerable and beloved James L. Ridgely, grand secretary, etc., relating to the recent loss of esteemed fellow-citizen, Fred. D. Stuart will be read with wide interest:

Officer Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, R.W.G.L.U.S
Baltimore, Md., January 27, 1878

To Bros. John T. Given, John F. Havenner, and William R. McLean, Representatives of Jurisdiction of District of Columbia

My Dear Brethren:

I regret that my infirmities prevent my presence at the obsequies today of our departed friend, to mingle my sorrows and tears with my brethren at the taking off of so noble a spirit. But your ceremonial today buries only the casket: Frederick D. Stuart survives, and will survive, not only enshrined in immortality of bliss, but in the heart and memory of his brethren. Peace be to his remains. Like his worthy compeers gone to the better land, Kennedy, Ellison and Porter, worthy fruits of our noble order! By these fruits shall the tree be judged. I present my profound condolence to the brethren and family. Farewell, beloved friend.

Your sorrowing brother,
Jas. L. Ridgely, C.S.

The Evening Star, January 28, 1878

Funeral of Frederick D. Stuart

Yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late F.D. Stuart, Past Grand Sire of the Order of Odd Fellows, took place from the hall on 7th street, was attended by one of the largest gatherings of people ever assembled on a similar occasion in Washington. In the morning the remains were escorted by Friendship Lodge and Ridgely Encampment to the hall and were laid in state at the east end of the hall, in charge of a guard of honor of Uniformed Patriarchs. The casket was covered with rich floral tributes. During the morning delegations arrived from various places, the Uniformed Patriarchs of Baltimore, numbering about 60, reaching the hall about 11 o'clock. From 9 o'clock a.m. up to the hour of the funeral there was a continuous stream of the friends of the deceased to take a last look at the remains. At 2 o'clock the family and immediate friends of the deceased entered the hall, taking seats on the left, the Odd Fellows' choir taking a position on the right; near the head of the corpse, on an improvised stand, Rev. Parker H. Sweet, as grand chaplain; Rev. George Taylor, grand chaplain of Michigan; Rev. Dr. A.H. Ames of McKendree chapel, who was with deceased on the Ringgold expedition, and Rev. J.D. Elliott, who was chaplain on the Wilkes expedition, took seats, while the body of the hall was filled with Odd Fellows and members of the Monument society, and Oldest Inhabitants' association. Among the visiting distinguished Odd Fellows present were Theodore A. Ross, assistant grand secretary; Hon.

Joshua Vansant, grand treasurer; John Chamberlain, grand messenger, of the Grand Lodge of the United States; Chas. H. Rawlings and Henry F. Garey, grand representatives; John A. Thompson and B.F. Zimmerman, past grand masters; Joshua Lynch, grand master; J.W. Miniffee, grand warden; John M. Jones, grand secretary, and C.H. Patch, grand marshal of Maryland; Hon. J.M. Campbell, past grand master; M.R. Muckle, grand treasurer; Geo. F. Lewis, past grand, and John Nicholson, past grand marshal of Pennsylvania; James S. Kiger, grand master; Lewis Parker, Jr., grand secretary, and A. Frank Caril, assistant grand secretary of New Jersey; Hon. Leonidas Sexton, past grand master of Indiana; Hon. J.C. Hemingray, grand master of Utah; Mrs. James L. Ridgely, Mrs. M.J. Dunham and Mrs. T.A. Ross.

The Exercises were opened by the choir singing "Hear Our Prayer," (by Ryder), Rev. Mr. Sweet read 1 Corinthians, xv., and Rev. George Taylor offered a prayer., Short addresses by Rev. Messrs. Sweet, Ames and Elliot followed. Dr. Ames offered a prayer, and the choir sang "Only Waiting," (by Ginniss), and the services concluded with a benediction by Mr. Sweet. The casket was removed to the hearse by body bearers – Thos. Greer, Wm. Davis, T. Anderson, of Ridgely Encampment, T. Oliver, C. Thomas, A. Grimm, of Friendship Lodge – preceded by the following bearers: Past Grand Sire William W. Moore of the District; Grand Sire John W. Stokes, Grand Lodge U.S.; Past Grand Sire James B. Nicholson of Pennsylvania; Past Grand Sire M.J. Durham of Kentucky; Past Grand Sire Thomas Sherlock of Ohio; P. Grand Representative Hugh Latham of Virginia; and Dr. John B. Blake of the Washington Monument Society and Oldest Inhabitants Association.

The Procession formed as follows:

First Division

Section of the Marine band

Uniformed Patriarchs of the District of Columbia, Edw. Dunn commanding

Uniformed Patriarchs of Baltimore, Jas. Young commanding

Second Division

Federal City Lodge, No. 20; Oriental, No. 19; Mechanics, No. 18; Excelsior, No. 17; Metropolis, No. 16; Beacon, No. 15; Covenant, No. 13; Union, No. 11; Columbia, No. 10; Harmony, No. 9; Eastern, No. 7; Washington, No. 6; Central, No. 1; Patuxent Lodge, No. 45, of Laurel Md., Thomas I. Farrell, N.G., Andrew McClelland, marshal; Potomac Lodge, No. 38, of Alexandria, William Dorly, N.G., C.M. Driscoll, V.G. and Charles Goodrich, marshal; Friendship Lodge, No. 12 (of which deceased was a member)

Third Division

Band; Mount Nebo Encampment, No. 6; Magenenu Encampment, No. 4; Columbia Encampment, No. 1;

Ridgely Encampment, No. 5 (of which deceased was a member)

Fourth Division

Grand Lodge of the District, R.T. Pumphrey, marshal; Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, A.H. Stockman, marshal.

In carriages

Officers of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Maryland; members of the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments of other jurisdictions; members of the Grand Lodge of the United States; pall bearers; hearse; mourners, relatives, and friends of the deceased.

The procession was proceeded by a detail of police, and the remains were taken to the Congressional Cemetery where the interment was made, Rev. P.H. Sweet conducting the services of the order. The choir sang a requiem and an original ode, written expressly for the occasion by H.A. Dobson, Esq. of Washington Lodge, No. 6.

The Evening Star, January 24, 1879

Honors to the Memory of the Late F.D. Stuart

A meeting was held in the room of Friendship Lodge, No. 12, I.O.O.F., (Pa. ave. and 19th street,) last evening, to commemorate the life and services of the late F.D. Stuart--a member of the lodge and a Past Grand Sire of member of the lodge and a Past Grand Sire of the order. There was a large attendance of the membership, with many ladies. In front of the N.G.'s chair there were arranged, on a stand a floral pillow, from the President, who is a member of Lodge No. 99, Columbus, Ohio. This was composed of japonicas, coronation pinks, violets, azaleas, primroses and lilies of the valley, and with the violets the letters, F.D.S., the three links, and P.G.S. were formed. Above this was an anchor, in flowers, presented by some of the members, the framed resolutions of the lodge adopted in respect to his memory, a fine oil painting of the deceased, and the motto, "Sweet Rest in Heaven." Past Grand A.H. Gawler called the meeting to order, and Grand Secretary P.H. Sweet offered prayer. Past Grand Gawler made a feeling address. Under the lead of Mr. John B. Hines "Friend after Friend Departs," was sung by a select choir. Rev. Mr. Sweet offered a resolution, which was adopted, referring to "the high character of the late Past Grand Sire, F.D. Stuart, the unselfish and untiring supporter of works for others good; the generous benefactor of his race; the disinterested friend; the true man, whose work can be found on every page of our ritual; whose mature judgment and fore-thought have helped to place Odd Fellowship where it is today," etc. Past Grand D.C. Reinohl followed with an address on the services of the deceased to the lodge and to the order, and his visitations to the sick and afflicted. Incidentally he referred to his services to his country, (as an officer of the navy), and to his habit when at sea of assembling the Odd Fellows on his vessel in his cabin on Thursday evenings to keep up the remembrances of the past. Grand Representative John F. Havenner followed in a sketch of the services of Mr. Stuart in the Grand Lodge of the District, paying a graceful tribute to his memory. Hon. M.J. Durham (Past Grand Sire) made some feeling remarks, as also did Past Grand Master Samuel E. Douglas, who spoke of Mr. Stuart as a neighbor and citizen, referring particularly to his services as a school trustee and a member of the Washington Monument Society. The exercises were closed by singing the "Sweet By and By," the audience joining in the chorus.

The Evening Star, September 17, 1880

The Proposed Monument to F.D. Stuart

The joint committee of the various organizations of Odd Fellows on the monument to be erected to the memory of the late F.D. Stuart, who was Past Grand Sire of the order, have had three models presented to them, but they have not as yet decided which one to adopt. One of these is by Heany, who proposes a structure 18 feet high and 5 feet base. The latter of granite, and the rest of the monument of Italian marble. On the die is a representation of Rebekah at the well, above which are the "clasped hands" and three links" and other front of the shaft crossed crooks and an urn with flame, surmounts the whole. Mr Jouvenal furnished two models, and proposes to erect each 17 feet in height, with granite base of 4 1/2 feet. On the die of each is a profile of the deceased. In one three columns support the shaft. In the other the shaft is a bundle of rods, and on the top is a tent, with crossed crooks protruding.

The Evening Star, March 29, 1881

It is proposed by the Odd Fellows to dedicate the monument to the late Frederick P. Stuart in the Congressional Cemetery during the anniversary celebration of the order on the 26th of April.

The Evening Star, May 14, 1881

The Monument to Fred D. Stuart

It was intended to have the monument to the memory of the late Frederick D. Stuart ready for dedication on Decoration Day (May 30th), but the work on it cannot be finished by that date. It is being cut in the marble yard of Mr. William Rutherford, who contracted for it, and will be erected over Mr. Stuart's grave in the Congressional Cemetery. On the die will be sculptured representations of "Jonathan and David," and "Rebekah at the Well," the scales of justice, the bundle of rods, signifying union, the three links, the All Seeing Eye, the tent and shepherd's crooks, and suitable inscriptions will also appear on it. The work on it thus far gives evidence that it will be equal, when finished to any monument now in our cemeteries. The Grand Encampment of Patriarchs held a meeting last night to make arrangements for its dedication, but receiving a letter from Mr. Rutherford stating, that to do full justice to the work it would probably not be ready by the 30th inst., no action was taken.

<http://www.south-pole.com/p0000079.htm>

The United States Exploring Expedition of 1838-42 is a milestone in American science. Often referred to as the Wilkes Expedition, this expedition brought back to the United States a wealth of geological, botanical, zoological, anthropological and other materials which created a foundation upon which much of American science was formed. At least three of the scientists involved with the expedition gained international acclaim from their efforts.

The expedition was authorized by Congress in response to popular demand. Investigations were carried on in widely separated areas of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans including Brazil, Tierra del Fuego, Antarctica, Chile, Australia, New Zealand, the west coast of North America, the Philippines and the East Indies. The two penetrations into Antarctic waters were in February and March 1839, and January and February of 1840. Even though the Antarctic portion of the expedition was part of a larger plan in the Pacific, major accomplishments were gained. Wilkes sighted land on several occasions as he sailed along the edge of the ice pack south of Australia for some 1500 miles. Thus, Wilkes was the first to provide proof of the existence of an Antarctic continent.

Source Unknown

Frederick D. Stuart

Grand Sire

1870-1872

He was born in Poughkeepsie, New York of Scottish parents on July 12, 1814. In early manhood, he settled in Washington City and made his permanent home. He was initiated into the Order into Friendship Lodge No. 12 on October 22, 1844 and elected Noble Grand on April 2, 1846. He was admitted to the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia on July 1, 1846 and was elected Grand Master Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. He was initiated into Mt. Pisgah Encampment on August 19, 1845. Upon the institution of Ridgely Encampment, he moved his membership and was elected Patriarch.

He served as Deputy Grand Sire from 1868 to 1870 and Grand Sire from 1870 to 1872. In 1867 he served on a special Commission to promote the interest of the Order in Canada and British North America. He was educated as a Civil Engineer and enjoyed a reputation as a draughtsman and architect. He was private Secretary to Admiral Wilkes in his exploration of the Antarctica Continent. He passed from this life at his home in Washington, D.C. January 25, 1878.

McMahan, Virgil E. *The Artists of Washington, DC, 1796-1996*. The Artists of Washington, Washington, DC, 1995.

STUART, FREDERICK D.

Artist, engraver and topographer born in New York in 1816. He was active in DC from 1850-1877. Two of his engravings are in the collection of the National Museum of American History. REFS: CLAASSEN; GROCE; WCD (1872, 1877).

N Stuart, Henry Ann b. - d. 25 Oct 1921 80 yrs. mos. days R 17 S 121 Stuart. Tuesday, October 25, 1921, at 3:15 a.m., Henry Ann, beloved wife of the late Charles Stuart, U.S.N. Funeral from her son's residence, George R. Staurt, 221 R st. n.e., at 8:30 a.m. High mass at St. Martin's Church, North Capitol and T sts. N.w., at 9 a.m., Thursday, October 27. Interment Congressional cemetery. Relatives and friends invited

N Stuart, J. William b. - d. 20 Feb 1906 22 yrs. mos. days R 17 S 122 Stuart. On February 20, 1906 at 3:18 a.m., J. William, beloved son of Henry Ann and the late Charles Stuart, U.S.N. Funeral from his late residence, 314 11th street southeast, Thursday, February 22 at 8:30 a.m., thence to Holy Comforter Church where requiem high mass will be said.

N Stuart, James Douglas b. - d. 19 Feb 1853 6 yrs. 6 mos. 25 days R 57 S 238 Stuart. On Saturday, February 19 at 11 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m., James Douglas, third son of Frederic D. Stuart, aged 6 years 6 months 25 days. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from the residence of his parents, H street north between 7 and 8th streets west on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

N Stuart, Margaret b. - d. 21 Jan 1823 54 yrs. mos. days R 28 S 23-25 Stewart. On Tuesday last at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Shaff in Georgetown, Miss Margaret Stewart, aged 54 years. The deceased was a woman of strong mind and cultivated understanding. For many years confined to her chamber, and suffering from disease and pain she manifested the faith and patience of a Christian. Her death was sudden but full of peace and hope. She looked beyond it, and seen the promised land and believed on Him who had suffered and gone before her to prepare mansions of glory for all who love him.

Ref. Mary Shaaff