

## William D. Talley

(15 Jul 1790 – 31 Jan 1851)

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**Talley.** On Friday morning, 31st ultimo, William D. Talley in the 62d year of his age. The friends of the family are invited to attend his funeral on this (Saturday) morning at 11 o'clock from his late residence on 11th street.

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### **Petrification of a Body**

A few days since Mr. Edwin H. King, as undertaker, took up the body of the late William B. Talley, buried at the old Foundry burial ground, and reinterred in Congressional Cemetery. The body had been interred in low ground and the grave was half full of water. Notwithstanding it has been 16 years since the interment was made, the pine case and mahogany coffin were found in a perfect state of preservation. Some curiously being expressed as to the state of the body, the coffin was opened. The body and shroud were found to be in a perfect state of preservation. On further examination the body was found to have almost the hardness and consistency of stone, showing that Petrification was rapidly going on.