

George Richard Thompson

(- 22 Oct 1877)

Thompson. On Saturday, October 22th, 1877, at 8 o'clock p.m., George Richard Thompson in the 42nd year of his age. Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral at his late residence, 473 Maryland avenue northwest on Tuesday, October 23 at one o'clock p.m.

The Evening Star, October 18, 1877

Locals

Mr. George R. Thompson, the well-known hardware merchant, corner of 10th and B streets is quite ill at his residence in South Washington.

The Evening Star, October 22, 1877

Death of Mr. George R. Thompson

On Saturday night Mr. George Richard Thompson whose illness was noticed in Saturday's Star, died at his residence, No. 473 Maryland avenue. Mr. Thompson had been ill several weeks. He was a native of this city, a son of the late Wm. Thompson, for many years a foreman in the Washington Arsenal. He received his education in the public schools of this city, and was one of the bright boys in the fourth district grammar school -- Mr. J.E. Thompson principal. When quite a young man he entered the hardware store of Mr. J.R. Elvans as a clerk, and was subsequently a partner. About fifteen years ago the firm was dissolved, and Mr. Thompson started (firm of Thompson & Co., at the corner of 10th and B streets) the business of coachmaker' and wheelwrights' supplies, with a general hardware business, which has been quite successful. Mr. Thompson was also an active building association man, having been connected with several as secretary, and was one of our most upright and energetic citizens possessed of many traits of character which endeared him to a large circle of friends. He was a bright Mason holding his membership in Dawson Lodge, No. 16; Washington Chapter, No. 2, and Columbia Commandery of Knights Templare. His funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at one o'clock.

(Note in the Police Court news: Dr. H. Jones was charged with fast driving. It appears he tried to force himself through Maryland avenue, between 4 1/2 and 6th streets, where ropes had been stretched across the avenue in consequence of the illness of Mr. G.R. Thompson, and succeeded in doing so, driving the horse at full speed. A permit was produced in court showing that the ropes were placed there by authority of the District Commissioners; also that Jones behaved in a very rude and boisterous manner; and the court imposed a fine of \$20.)

The Evening Star, October 24, 1877

The Funeral of the Late G.R. Thompson took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 473 Maryland avenue, and was one of the largest ever seen in this city. Columbia Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar; Washington R.A. Chapter No. 2 and Dawson Lodge, F.A.A.M., were in attendance in carriages. The services at the house were conducted by Rev. Dr. A. Holmead, of Grace P.E. church, assisted by Rev. Dr. Mason Noble, of the 6th street Presbyterian church. The casket was borne to the hearse by the following pallbearers: James E. Crump and Dr. F.W. Mead, of the Columbia Commandery; Wm. J. Stephenson, Allison Naylor and Isaac L. Johnson, Washington Royal Arch Chapter; Robert White, Wm. S. Yeatman and George W. Pearson of Dawson Lodge. The cortege proceeded to the Congressional

cemetery, where, after the solemn and impressive burial service had been performed, the remains were placed in the vault temporarily.