

William Balch Todd, Sr. **(31 Dec 1809 – 13 Mar 1873)**

Todd. March 13, 1873 at his home, corner of C and 3d streets, Washington City, Mr. William B. Todd in the 64th year of his age. His funeral will take place at Trinity (PE) church, Sunday, the 16th inst. at 3 p.m. His friends and the public are invited to attend (Chronicle, Republican and Sunday papers please copy).

The Evening Star, March 15, 1873

The vestry of Trinity church last night held a meeting to take action regarding the death of Mr. William B. Todd, who was one of the wardens of that church. Appropriate resolutions were passed deploring his loss to our city, to Trinity church and to his bereaved family.

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Tribute of Respect

National Metropolitan Bank

Washington City, March 14, 1873

A special meeting of the board of directors having been convened in consequence of the decease of William B. Todd, there were present Dr. John B. Blake, president, and Messrs. W. Orme, W.G. Metzertott, A.R. Shepherd, J.W. Thompson, and J.I. Lenman. Messrs. J. Hitz and Nicholas Acker were absent from the city.

The object of the meeting having been stated by the president, on motion of Mr. Shepherd, a committee of three was appointed by the chair, consisting of Messrs. Shepherd, Thompson, and Metzertott, to prepare resolutions suitable for the occasion.

The committee reported the following, which were unanimously adopted.

Moses Kelly, Cashier

"Whereas one Heavenly Father has taken to himself our friend and colleague, Wm. B. Todd, esq., a gentleman well known and highly esteemed in our community for his sterling integrity, sound judgment, humane and Christian character, gentlemanly bearing, and modest and unpretending walk through life: Therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply feel the loss our community has sustained in his death, especially this institution, which was an object of great interest to him, and his anxious desire was to secure for it the confidence of the public by a faithful and judicious management of its business, and by extending to our fellow-citizens such accommodations as would advance them in their career of prosperity, and contribute to the growth of the city.

Resolved, That as a mark of respect for his memory we will attend his funeral in a body and wear the usual badge of mourning, and that the bank building be draped in mourning.

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with his family in their sudden and painful bereavement; and that they be furnished with a copy of these proceedings.

Resolved, That they be published in our city papers."

The Evening Star, March 17, 1873

Funeral of the Late William B. Todd

The funeral of the late William B. Todd took place yesterday afternoon at Trinity (Episcopal) Church, corner of 3d and C streets. The edifice was crowded to overflowing, and many persons were unable to gain admission. The little orphans of the Washington City Orphan Asylum, each bearing a small bouquet, were present, and during the services occupied seats near the chancel. Mr. W.W. Corcoran and other prominent citizens were in attendance. The columns near the chancel were draped in black. A few minutes before three o'clock the center door was opened and the body, preceded by the undertaker, were borne up the aisle by the following pall-bearers: Dr. J.B. Blake, A.R. Shepherd, Dr. J.C. Hall, D.W. Middleton, Dr. J.B. Brodhead, J.C. Harkness, John T. Lenman, and G.W. Phillips. Mr. J.W. Thompson had suddenly been taken ill and was unable to attend. The pallbearers were accompanied by Messrs. William Orme, Moses Kelly, and Nicholas Acker. The casket was placed in front of the altar, the choir singing an appropriate piece meanwhile, and the members of the family of the deceased took the places assigned them. The rector of Trinity church, Rev. Thomas G. Addison, assisted by Rev. T.M. Harris, met the solemn procession in the aisle, and the former read the burial service as the sad procession advanced, to the altar. This service was concluded by the hymn "Nearer My God to Thee," which was sung by the choir and the congregation.

Mr. Addison paid a merited tribute to the memory of the deceased, in which he said: "The death of Wm. B. Todd is a grievous loss to the community, to the church, and to his family. He has been a leading citizen among us for many years. Engaged in large affairs and brought into contact with men of every class, he has left an unsullied record of uprightness, integrity and just dealing. Holding large trusts for individuals, corporations and associations, he has so wisely and honorably discharged his responsibilities as to command the respect and admiration of us all. He moved among us unobtrusively and quietly, with no harsh words ever on his lips, carrying with him into all the associations of life the silent but universally felt power of high moral character. Wealthy, he was not self-indulgent; exposed to the indurating power of riches, he yet kept his heart young and fresh with all the tender affections and sweet sympathies of domestic love and social friendship. Truly a good, high-toned, active, benevolent and wise citizen has been taken from us. Not only to the community at large is his death a calamity. He was honored and loved as a brother in this church. Here he was a worshipper of God and a confessor of it. For many years he bore important official relations to this parish. He loved the church and her services. Rarely, indeed was his seat vacant, either at our Sabbath or week-day services. The very afternoon before his death he reverently bowed himself in the house of God, and when he left the sacred courts of the sanctuary he was never more to treat he immediately went on an errand of inquiry about an important church enterprise, and, unsolicited, proffered a handsome contribution in its aid." At the conclusion of Dr. A.'s address a large portion of the congregation embraced the opportunity to take a last look at the deceased; after which the remains were placed in the hearse, the orphan children, to whom the deceased was a true friend, singing one of their hymns in the meantime. The funeral cortege proceeded from the church to the Congressional Cemetery, where the burial services were concluded, and the remains were lowered into the grave, each of the orphans depositing a floral tribute on the coffin as they passed the open grave.

The Evening Star, March 19, 1873

The late William B. Todd left no will.

The Evening Star, March 27, 1873

Probate Court

The Todd Estate--Will Proved

Yesterday, in the Probate Court, in the case of the estate of the late William B. Todd, who died intestate, his widow and her two daughters, joined by their husbands, renounced all claims to administration, there being no minor heirs, in favor of her three sons, Thomas A.G., Seth J., and William B. Todd. This administration is on the personal property, such as the household furniture, bonds, stocks, and cash, the aggregate estimate of which is \$350,000, to administer on which the sons above-named qualified by giving bond in the sum of \$700,000.