Edward Lawrence Tolson

(1849 - 13 Dec 1906)

Tolson. Passed peacefully to rest on Thursday, December 13, 1906 at 10:50 a.m., Edward Lawrence Tolson, aged 57 years and 8 months. Funeral from his late residence, 1006 Park road northwest, Saturday, December 15 at 2 o'clock. Interment private at Congressional cemetery.

The Evening Star, December 13, 1906, p. 7 Edward L. Tolson Dead Prominent for Years in Local Business Circles

Edward L. Tolson, a member of the firm of Brown & Tolson of 1409 H street northwest and one of the best-known auctioneers of the city, died today at 10:50 o'clock at the family residence, 1006 Park road northwest. The cause of Mr. Tolson's death was a complication of diseases, from which he had long suffered.

Last Friday morning he conducted a sale at his place of business and shortly thereafter complained of feeling ill. He was advised to go home, and later went to his residence, where, a few hours after his arrival, he became worse and his case was regarded as critical. His condition, however, remained unchanged for several days. Tuesday a change for the better was noticed, but this rally was only temporary, for after a few hours of improved condition he began to grow worse, gradually sinking until the end came this morning, as stated.

Mr. Tolson was fifty-seven years of age, and had been a member of the auctioneering firm of Brown & Tolson for a long business period. He had been particularly successful, it is stated, on account of his ability as an auctioneer. He was a native of Maryland, having been born at Seven Oaks in 1849.

Mr. Tolson was married twice. His first wife died some years ago. His second wife was a Miss Bartlett, whom he married about three years ago and who survives her husband. Five children by his first marriage -- Mrs. Marion Phelps, Mrs. C.E. Parsons, Miss Elise S. Tolson and Messrs. Edward L. Tolson, jr., and Sidney S. Tolson -- also survive him.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been made, but it is stated that the services will take place at the family residence Saturday afternoon and will be private. It is understood also that Rev. Dr. J.J. Muir, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, will officiate.

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E.L. Tolson's Funeral

Services at Family Residence, Interment at Congressional Cemetery

Funeral services over the remains of Edward L. Tolson, who died Thursday morning at 10:50 o'clock at his home, 1006 Park road, were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at his late residence. Rev. J.J. Muir, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, conducted the services. The pallbearers were Messrs. Charles H. Baum, Charles Gersdorf, William H. Deckman, R.A. Bond, Benjamin White and Mr. Fletcher. Interment was made in Congressional cemetery.

Mr. Tolson, who was a member of the firm of Brown & Tolson of 1409 H street northwest, was fiftyseven years of age and was twice married. His first wife died several years ago, and his second wife, who was Miss Bartlett, whom he married about three years ago, survives him. Five children by his first marriage, Mrs. Marion Phelps, Mrs. C.E. Parsons, Miss Elsie S. Tolson and Messrs. Edward L. Tolson, jr., and Sidney S. Tolson, also survives him.