

John P. Torbert

(4 Apr 1842 – 2 Jun 1906)

Torbert. Departed this life on Saturday evening, June 2, 1906, at 10:50 o'clock, John Peyton Torbert, beloved husband of Elizabeth Bryant Torbert, in the 65th year of his age. Funeral services from St. Mark's Church, corner 3d and A streets southeast, on Tuesday, June 5, at 4:30 p.m.

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Death of John P. Torbert

Deceased Was Lifelong Resident of This City

Announcement of the death of John P. Torbert, a native and lifelong resident of this city, was the cause of genuine sorrow and feeling of personal loss among an unusually large number of personal friends. His last illness began two weeks ago with an attack of pleurisy. A serious heart trouble rapidly developed and resulted in death, which occurred at his residence, corner of 2d and A streets southeast, Saturday evening.

Mr. Torbert was born April 4, 1842, and was educated at private schools and at Rittenhouse Academy. After his school days he followed in the footsteps of his father and became an expert bookkeeper and accountant.

He was employed on the census of 1880 and in 1887 entered the office of the first auditor of the Treasury Department, where he continued until the time of his death.

In 1878 he became a blue lodge Mason identifying himself with Pentalpha Lodge, No. 23. Being by nature a very religious man, he took a deep interest in the workings of his lodge, and after passing successively through the several chains, he became, in 1864, its master, and has since kept up his active interest in masonic affairs. In this work, as in everything he undertook, he evinced an enthusiasm which never flagged and was never discouraged.

For the greater part of his married life, Mr. Torbert resided on Capitol Hill. Shortly after the organization of St. Mark's parish he identified himself with it and became an active member of its communion. As warden and registrar of the parish he served faithfully for many years, and his thoughts to the last were of his many interests in the church.

Mr. Torbert was married, February 2, 1864 to Miss Elizabeth C. Bryant, daughter of the late John Y. Bryant of this city. His wife and three children survive him, the latter being John Bryant and W.S. Torbert of this city and Mrs. W.D. Porter, jr., of Hyattsville, Md.

The funeral will occur from the residence of his son, John B. Torbert, 111 C street southeast, and thence to St. Mark's Church. Interment will be at Congressional Cemetery.

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Funeral of John P. Torbert

Services Over Remains Tomorrow at 4:30 o'clock P.M.

The funeral of the late John P. Torbert will take place at 4:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the home of his son, Mr. John B. Torbert, 111 C street southeast and will be under Masonic auspices. The cortege will proceed to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, where services will be held and the interment will be at Congressional Cemetery. Pentalpha Lodge, No. 23, F.A.A.M., of which deceased was an honored member, will meet at Masonic Temple at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, when pallbearers will be appointed and the lodge will attend the obsequies in a body.

The death of Mr. Torbert occurred Saturday evening at his home, 200 A street southeast, after an illness from heart disease of about two weeks. He was born in this city April 4, 1842, and spent his entire life here. He was the eldest son of the late James M. and Elizabeth Peyton Torbert and a grandson of Mrs. Eliza Peyton, a resident of the District of Columbia from the time of its organization in 1801.

Deceased in 1867 entered the office of the first auditor for the Treasury Department, where he served continuously until the time of his death. His knowledge of customs law was extensive, and in its application he was considered an authority.

He stood high in local Masonic circles and passed through the several chairs in Pentalpha Lodge until he became worshipful master. He was of a strong religious nature, and to his Masonic work, as to everything else he undertook, he gave his best endeavor. He was also active in church work, having for many years been identified with St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church on Capitol Hill, serving as its senior warden and registrar.

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