

John V.R. Towers

(1844 – 1 May 1903)

Towers. On Friday morning, May 1, 1903, at his residence, Brookland, D.C., John V.R., beloved husband of Gertrude K. and son of the late Lemuel and Cornelia F. Towers, aged 59 years. Notice of funeral in tomorrow's Post.

The Evening Star, May 1, 1903

John V.R. Towers Dead

Succumbed to Consumption, From Which He Had Long Suffered

The death of John V.R. Towers, who for the past ten years has been employed in the government printing office, occurred early this morning at his home in Brookland, D.C. The cause of death was consumption, with which he had been afflicted for many years, although he continued at work up to the last. During the night he gradually became weaker, and the end came peacefully in the early morning hours.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from the family home in Brookland and interment will be made in Congressional cemetery.

Mr. Towers was born in Washington 59 years ago and had resided in the District all his life. He was the son of Col. Lemuel Towers, commander of the 1st Regiment, District volunteers, in the civil war, and served in his father's regiment as a lieutenant during the war.

His uncle, John T. Towers, was mayor of Washington during the fifties. Mr. Scott Towers, postmaster at Station C, is his cousin.

Mr. Towers learned the printing business in his father's office, and about ten years ago took a position in the government printing office, where he had been employed ever since. He leaves a wife and two children, a son and a daughter. Mr. Towers was highly regarded by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Despite his suffering during the closing years of his life, he continued genial and sunny in his disposition.

The Evening Star, May 4, 1903

Funeral of J.V.R. Towers

The funeral of Mr. John V.R. Towers, who died Friday morning, took place from his late residence in Brookland Saturday afternoon. Rev. Morgan Jones of the Church of Our Savior officiated, and the pallbearers were six cousins of the deceased. Representatives of the specification division of the government printing office, in which Mr. Towers had been employed for over twenty years, were present. There were many handsome floral tributes. Interment was made in the family lot in Congressional cemetery.