

## Littleton Quinter Washington

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**Washington.** On Tuesday November 4, 1902 at the residence of Dr. Warwick Evans No. 1105 9th street southwest, Col. L. Quinton Washington. Funeral from Trinity Church corner Third and C street northwest on Thursday November 6 at 3 o'clock p.m. Interment private. Please omit flowers.

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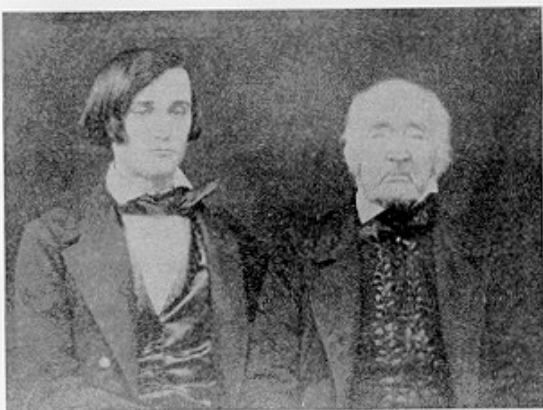
### **Col. Washington Dead**

### **One of the Best Known Newspaper Men in Washington**

### **Confederate Soldier**

### **A Relative of the Distinguished First President**

### **Had Wide Acquaintance Among Public Men and Was Prominent in the Confederate Government**



*Littleton Washington and his father, Lund, from a photograph taken circa 1850. (Joyce B. Yost)*

Col. Littleton Quinter Washington of this city died at 1 o'clock this morning at the home of his brother-in-law, Dr. Warwick Evans, 1105 9th street northwest. Col. Washington was one of the best-known newspaper correspondents and writers on political matters of this city and for the past half of a century. He had lived here practically all his life, though during the civil war he was absent in the service of the confederacy. He was born in this city November 3, 1825, and was educated here and at Bethlehem, Pa. He was of the famous Washington family of Virginia, being of a collateral branch of the family of the first President of the United States.

When the war broke out Col. Washington went south and entered the military service, being shortly after appointed chief clerk of the department of state of the confederacy. In that capacity he had the most confidential relations with both Secretaries Benjamin and Hunter. Toward the close of the war Col. Washington was acting assistant secretary of state of the confederacy. . The intimacy established during this period by Col. Washington with leading southern men was continued throughout his life, and his correspondence with prominent men was of the most confidential nature.

### *His Services as Correspondent*

After the close of the war he returned to this city, and during the balance of his lifetime acted as correspondent for newspapers, chiefly of the south, and wrote extensively on political matters. He wrote a life of Hunter, under whom he had served in the state department of the confederacy. He entered the press gallery in 1869 as writer for the National Intelligencer and correspondent for the London Telegraph, the latter connection being retained during many years. For some years he was correspondent of the New Orleans Picayune and other newspapers of the south.

Colonel Washington never married, and for fifty-five years had lived at the home of his brother-in-law, Dr. Warwick Evans, with the exception of the war period, during which he was absent in the south. His bachelor apartments were filled with rare books and he spent much of his time reading them. His knowledge of southern history from early colonial times was very complete and exact. In past years he

frequently entertained some of the most distinguished statesmen of the country at his table, and his hospitality, while always simple in its nature, was greatly enjoyed by his friends. His wide store of general information and his ready memory made him an extremely entertaining conversationalist.

### *Ill-Health Cause of Retirement*

During recent years Colonel Washington's failing health made it necessary that he should give up the work of an active correspondent, and a year and a half ago he was confined to his room, and, except to go out riding a couple of times, he has been in his home ever since. His last illness had confined him to his bed for five months. He was conscious to the moment of his death. During the last week he had been preparing for the end and had destroyed large quantities of his private papers. This included correspondence he had during many years, together with his personal journal, the latter being burned by him a few hours before he died. Shortly before the end came he spoke to his niece, saying he knew he would die just as his mother had died -- that he would choke to death. Only a few minutes later he was seized with convulsive choking and passed away.

Perhaps no one could boast a larger circle of friends than had Colonel Washington. A typical southerner in his manner and language, he attracted men and formed lasting friendships. His father, Mr. Lund Washington, sr., of Chotank, King George county, Va., was a frequent visitor to Mount Vernon, the home of his distinguished relative, and his mother was known before her marriage as Sally Johnson. She was the daughter of Captain John Johnson of Worcester county, Md.

### *Eastern Shore Planters*

Col. Washington's maternal ancestors were planters of the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia in the colonial period. His father was a typical Virginian of the old school, was born in 1767 and was named for his uncle, Mr. Lund Washington, the neighbor, kinsman and confidential correspondent of George Washington for many years.

All of the family were identified with the revolutionary cause, one of them, an uncle of Col. Washington, dying as a prisoner in the British post ship Jersey at the age of seventeen years, rather than to take the oath of allegiance to the crown. Through his father, Col. Washington was related to the Mason family of Gunston, and the Stuart, Dade, Foote, Strother, Lund and Townshend families of Virginia.

Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

A meeting of Washington correspondents will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at the Baltimore Sun bureau, F street between 13th and 14th streets, for the purpose of taking appropriate action with reference to the death of Col. Washington.

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### **Last Rites Performed**

#### **Funeral Services Over the Remains of L.Q. Washington**

The funeral of L.Q. Washington took place this afternoon. Services were held at Trinity P.E. Church, corner of 3d and C streets. The interment will be private. The pallbearers were selected from among Col. Washington's oldest and most intimate friends and were as follows:

Honorary pallbearers -- Blair Lee, Crosby S. Noyes, Leigh Robinson, Holmes Conrad, Judge J.C. Clements, Gen. H.V. Boynton, F.A. Richardson and John P. Miller.

Active pallbearers -- Robert J. Wynne, Charles E. Kern, O.P. Austin, John Boyle, E.E. Paine, John S. Shriver, Col. O.O. Stealey and Maj. J.J. Dickenson.

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### **Last Rites Over Dead**

#### **Remains of Col. Washington Buried in Congressional Cemetery**

The funeral of Col. L.Q. Washington took place yesterday afternoon from Trinity P.E. Church, corner of C and 3d streets. There was a large attendance at the church, among those present being Senator Gorman of Maryland and Senator J.K. Jones of Arkansas, both personal friends of the deceased.

The remains were removed from the home of Dr. Warwick Evans, 1105 9th street, to the church. At the church the Episcopal service was read by Rev. Richard P. Williams, the rector. Preceding and following the service hymns were sung. The interment was made at the Congressional cemetery and was private.

The casket was covered with three beautiful floral tributes which were sent by the newspaper correspondents of this city, by the Virginia Democratic Club of the District of Columbia, and by Mr. H.B.F. Macfarland, president of the board of Commissioners.