

## Jacob Watson

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**Watson, Jacob.** On Wednesday, January 10, 1951, at his residence, 1366 G st. se., Jacob Watson, beloved husband of the late Jessie M. Watson and father of Elsa L. Love, William Lewis Watson, Goldie L. Henry and M. Evelyn Belt. Friends may call at the Robert A. Mattingly Funeral Home, 131 11th st. se., where services will be held on Friday, January 12, at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

*The Evening Star, January 11, 1951, p. B14*

#### **Jacob Watson, Motorman 51 Years With Transit Co.**

Jacob Watson, 83, retired Capital Transit motorman, died yesterday at his home, 1366 G street S.E. He had been ill for about seven years.

Mr. Watson was retired in 1934 after 51 years with the Transit Co. In the early days of his career he drove horse-drawn cars through Washington streets in weather so cold that his beard froze. His family said Mr. Watson often recalled how he wrapped his feet in burlap to protect him from the cold. In those days the driver sat on an outdoor platform.

Mr. Watson lived his entire life in Washington. His wife, Mrs. Jessie May Conner Watson, died about 24 years ago.

Survivors are his son, William Lewis Watson of North Carolina, and three daughters, Mrs. Elsa L. Love, Silver Spring; Mrs. Goldie L. Henry, 5315 Second street N.W., and Mrs. M. Evelyn Belt of the G street address.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Mattingly funeral home, 131 Eleventh street S.W. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

*The Washington Post, January 12, 1951, p. B2*

#### **Jacob Watson Dies; Worked On Horse Cars**

Funeral services for Jacob Watson, 83, a retired Capital Transit Co. motorman, will be held today at 2 p.m. in the Mattingly Funeral Home, 131 11th st. s.w. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

A native of Washington, Mr. Watson was retired in 1934 after 53 years with Capital Transit Co. He started with the company in the days when it was known as Capital Traction Co., and worked in the stable.

He worked on horse-drawn cars, cable cars and finally the electric streetcars until his retirement. His daughter, Mrs. Elsa L. Love of 1025 Lanark Way, Silver Spring, Md., said she recalled seeing him come home covered with snow and his beard frozen, when he worked on the horse-drawn cars. In those days the driver sat on an outside platform.

Mr. Watson lived with a second daughter, Mrs. Jesse Belt, at 1366 G st. s.e. His wife died in 1924.

In addition to his two daughters, Mr. Watson is survived by a son, William L. Watson of North Carolina, and a third daughter, Mrs. G.L. Henry, 5315 2d st. n.w.