

John Welch (- 16 May 1925)

Welch. Saturday, May 16, 1925, at 8:30 a.m., at his residence, 1303 Euclid st. n.w., John, beloved husband of Alice J. Welch and father of Mildred B. Hanford. Funeral from his late residence Monday, May 18, at 2 p.m. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

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John Welch Dies; Long At Capitol

As Chief of Architect's Office Disbursed Over \$25,000,000



JOHN WELCH.
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John Welch, 57, chief clerk and accountant in the architect's office of the Capitol, and who had been employed at the Capitol in various capacities more than 40 years, died at his late residence, 1303 Euclid street, Saturday, after a short illness.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence this afternoon. Rev. Charles E. Fultz officiated. Interment was in Congressional Cemetery, pallbearers were composed of employees of the architect's office.

Mr. Welch was prominent in the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Hope Lodge, No. 20, F.A.A.M.; Columbia Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; Columbia Commandry, No. 2, Knights Templar, and Almas Temple of the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Welch was, by law, acting architect whenever the architect was absent or disabled. He began work at the Capitol, December 15, 1884. For a time he managed the House restaurant and then was employed temporarily to organize a supply depot and arrange the financial affairs of the office of the architect.

He took the latter position as a sort of a vacation and has been at it ever since. Every dollar of the appropriations for that office since 1900 has been under his supervision. Upward of \$25,000,000 has been spent without the loss of a single cent and without Mr. Welch being bonded.

Mr. Welch was considered an infallible authority on questions of precedent. As the Senate and House have divided authority and as there are a hundred or more branches of work that come under his office, questions are constantly arising as to who should do certain work and to what account it should be charged. Mr. Welch knew the relative responsibility and the relations of one job to another.

Born in Baltimore December 11, 1867, Mr. Welch moved to this city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin T. Welch, when a boy. He is survived by his mother and father, his widow, Mrs. Alice Bright Welch, and a daughter, Mrs. Charles B. Handford, all of this city; three brothers, Ben T. Welch of Philadelphia, Harry S. Welch of this city, and Clarence F. Welch of Philadelphia, and three sisters, Mrs. Samuel W. Foster of New York, Mrs. Grace Buckler of Staten Island, and Miss Helen B. Welch of this city.

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Funeral Services Held for John Welch

Funeral services for John Welch, 57 years old, chief clerk and accountant in the office of the architect of the Capitol; who died Saturday in his home, 1303 Euclid street northwest, were conducted in the residence yesterday by the Rev. Charles Fultz. Interment was in Congressional cemetery.

Mr. Welch started work in the Capitol in December, 1884, in the restaurant of the House. Later he organized a supply service depot and arranged the finances of the architect's office. Since 1900 he has accounted for the disbursement of \$25,000,000 of Capitol appropriations without bond. His parents, his wife and a daughter, Mrs. Mildred B. Henford, survive him.