

## Franklin Pierce Weller

(21 Dec 1854 – 26 Mar 1933)

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**Weller. Franklin Pierce.** On Sunday, March 26, 1933, at his residence, 3435 Thirty-fourth place n.w., Franklin Pierce Weller in the 79th year of his age, beloved father of Mrs. Marguerite Weller Hynson. Funeral from his late residence, 3435 - 34th place n.w. on Tuesday, March 28 at 2:30 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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### **Franklin Weller, Druggist, Dies Native of Maryland and Descendant of Revolutionary Families Was 78**

Franklin Pierce Weller, veteran Washington druggist, whose store at Eighth and I streets southeast has been in operation for more than a generation, died last night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Richard W. Hynson, 3435 Thirty-fourth place. He was 78 years old.

A native of Frederick County, Md., and a descendant of Revolutionary families, Mr. Weller came here at the age of 8 and served a newspaper route after school. In the '80s he served as a pharmacist in the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Galena, and he founded his drug store after leaving the service.

For 27 years he was a member of the District National Guard Hospital Corps, serving a large part of his time under Dr. Luther H. Reichelderfer, now District Commissioner. He was a member of the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, the DeMolay Commandary, Knights Templar, and St. John's Lodge, F.A.A.M.

His wife, Mrs. Margaret Francis Young Weller, died three years ago, and his sole survivor is his daughter, Mrs. Hynson, from whose home the funeral will be held at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers include Gratz E. Dunkum, Eugene B. Thompson, Albert W. Bright, Francis M. Griswell, Paul Pearson and Phillip G. Affleck.

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### **Local Druggist Rites Held In Congressional Franklin Pierce Weller Buried in Cemetery Following Services at Daughter's Home**

Franklin Pierce Weller, 78, well known Washington druggist for many years, who died Sunday night, will be buried in Congressional Cemetery this afternoon, following funeral services at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Hynson, 3435 Thirty-fourth place. Honorary pallbearers are Gratz E. Dunkum, Eugene E. Thompson, Albert W. Bright, Francis H. Criswell Paul Pearson and Phillip G. Affleck.

Born in Thurmont, Frederick County, Md., of Revolutionary ancestry, Mr. Weller came to Washington as a youth. During the early 80s he served as pharmacist in the Navy, retiring to open a drug store at Eighth and I streets southeast. He retired last October.

He was a member of Masonic bodies here and of the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Hynson.

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Franklin P. Weller Services Are Today

**Retired Pharmacist, Native of Maryland, Was Once in U.S. Navy**

Funeral services for Franklin Pierce Weller, pioneer Washington druggist, who died Sunday night at the residence of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Hynson, 3435 Thirty-fourth place, will be held today at 2:30 p.m. at the Hynson home. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Honorable pallbearers are Gratz E. Dunkum, Eugene E. Thompson, Albert W. Bright, Francis H. Criswell, Paul Pearson and Philip G. Affleck.

Mr. Weller, 78, was born in Thurmont, Frederick County, Md., December 21, 1854, of Revolutionary ancestry. He came to Washington 70 years ago. During the early eighties he served as a pharmacist in the United States Navy on board the U.S.S. Galena. Upon his retirement from the Navy he engaged in private practice and opened a drug store in Washington at eighth and I streets southeast which has been a landmark for a generation. He retired from business last October.

He served in the hospital corps of the District National Guard for 27 years. He was a member of the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, of the DeMolay Commandery, Knights Templar, and St. John's Lodge, F.A.A.M.

He married Margaret Francis Young, who died three years ago. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Hynson.