

Charles A.J. Williamson

(18 Feb 1829 – 15 Jul 1920)

Williamson. Departed this life Thursday, July 15, 1920, at his residence 311 E street s.e., C.A.J. Williamson, aged 92 years. Funeral Monday, July 19, 2:30 o'clock from home. Friends and relatives invited. Interment Congressional cemetery.

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Charles A.J. Williamson Dies at the Age of 92 For Sixty-One Years an Employee at Government Hospital for the Insane

Charles A.J. Williamson, ninety-two years old, died at his residence, 311 E street southeast, on Thursday, following a brief illness. Funeral services are to be held at his late home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment in Congressional cemetery. Rev. Mr. Copes, pastor of the Anacostia Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. John E. Fort, pastor of Tenleytown Methodist Church, will officiate and the pallbearers will be selected from the membership of Mineola Tribe of Red Men, of which Mr. Williamson was a member.

In addition to being one of the oldest residents, Mr. Williamson was one of the oldest active government employees in the District, having just completed his sixty-first year at the Government Hospital for the Insane. He was born in Baltimore, Md., on February 18, 1829. At the age of twenty-two he married Miss Annie Kline of that city. Sixty-one years ago he moved to the District and accepted a position at the government hospital, and he has held this position ever since, with the exception of three months during the civil war when he was stationed at the Capitol as a guard under the command of Dr. McKim. When Mr. Williamson entered St. Elizabeth's it was a small institution with about twenty inmates and in charge of Dr. Nichols, the first superintendent. It has now over 3,000 inmates.

At the time of his death and for many years previous Mr. Williamson was in charge of one of the larger shops and notwithstanding his advanced years he was at his work every day and it was only last Saturday that he complained of feeling badly and was required to give up his duties. He was eligible for a pension under the recent retirement act and had made out his papers with the hope of taking advantage of the new law. He was a man of unusual vigor and it was a frequent sight to see him running to catch a streetcar. He attributed his long life to systematic living.

About seventeen years ago his first wife died and a few years ago he married Mrs. Agnes Pumphrey, who survives him, as well as two sons, William A. and Thomas F. Williamson, and two daughters, Mrs. Hattie Nicholson of the District and Mrs. Carrie Eno, who resides in Iowa. Mr. Williamson was an active member of the Anacostia Methodist Episcopal Church during his entire residence in the District and he spent a greater portion of his spare time in assisting those with whom he came in contact, who were less fortunate than himself. The employees of the branch at the hospital of which he was in charge will close their shop on Monday out of respect to his memory and officials at the institution where he has worked so long and faithfully express deep regret at his death. In addition to serving under Dr. Nichols, he also served under Drs. Godding, Richardson and the present superintendent, Dr. William A White.