

James Brainard Williamson

(- 23 Jan 1905)

Williamson. On Monday, January 23, 1905 at 10:50 p.m., James Brainard Williamson, 87 years of age at his late residence, 1009 12th street northwest. Requiem mass at St. Patrick's Church Thursday at 9 a.m. Interment private.

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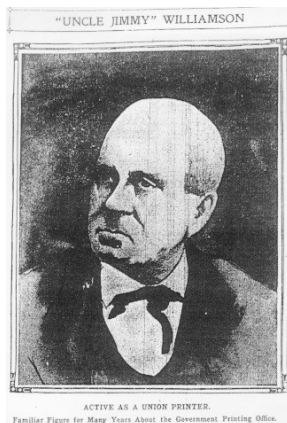
Death Claims Oldest Printer in the City

James B. Williamson Victim of Kidney Trouble--

Demise is Accelerated by a Fall--

His Long and Useful Career

The funeral of James Brainard Williamson, eighty-seven years of age, who died on Monday at his home, 1009 Twelfth Street northwest, of acute kidney trouble, will be held tomorrow.



Requiem mass will be held at St. Patrick's Church at 9 o'clock. The services will be read by Father Carroll. The body will be buried in Congressional Cemetery, and pallbearers will be chosen from members of the Typographical Union, of which the deceased was a prominent member.

Mr. Williamson's death was accelerated by a fall on the ice a few days ago, when he seriously cut and bruised himself about the head.

James Brainard Williamson was born in Suffolk county, Va., in 1818. He learned the printer's trade, and in 1845 removed to Washington, where he obtained a position on the staff of the "National Intelligencer." Later he was connected with the "Evening Express," a local paper, which, after running about two months, failed.

Shortly after this he obtained a position in the Government Printing Office and remained there until a short time ago, when he was put on the superannuated list and transferred to the branch office in the Treasury Department. He was the oldest printer in the Government service, the oldest printer in the Typographical Union, and so far as is known the oldest working printer in the United States.

Mr. Williamson was very active in the unions to which he belonged, and every printer in the service had a good word for "Uncle Jimmie," as he was known to all of his friends and fellow employees.

The deceased is survived by a widow and three sons--Walter R., James M., and Albert P. Williamson--all businessmen of this city.