

George R. Wilson

(8 May 1826 – 26 Apr 1906)

Wilson. On Thursday, April 26, 1906 at 11 p.m. at his residence, 203 A street southeast, George R. Wilson in the 80th year of his age, husband of Charity Inch Wilson. Funeral from his late residence Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited.

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Aged Resident Dead

George R. Wilson Succumbs to Attack of Paralysis

George R. Wilson, who was in the 80th year of his age, died at his home, 203 A street southeast, last night at 11 o'clock. Death resulted from a stroke of paralysis. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Rev. C.E. Peter will conduct the services. Interment will be made in Congressional cemetery. The pallbearers will be selected from members of Farragut Post, G.A.R., of which the deceased was a member.

Mr. Wilson was born in Kernstown, Frederick county, Va., May 8, 1826 and came to this city at the age of ten years. At the age of sixteen years he was appointed an apprentice in the machine department of the Washington navy yard under the supervision of the late eminent Engineer William Ellis. He was a member of the artillery company formed at the breaking out of the civil war for the defense of this city, but was temporarily relieved from duty as a soldier and appointed superintendent of machinery at the Washington navy yard, a position he held until 1886, when he was removed by Secretary Whitney, Mr. Wilson being a republican. He was afterward appointed superintendent of machinery under the bureau of ordnance. He was the inventor and patentee of the incline slide gun carriage, and it was his genius, it is said, that made the batteries of the New Ironside serviceable. He was a member of Farragut Post, G.A.R.

Mr. Wilson married Miss Charity Inch, sister of Rear Admiral Richard Inch, and the late Commodore Philip Inch, U.S.N. He was regarded as a man of strong character, honest and fair in all his dealings. He believed faithfully in the golden rule. His wife and two sons and four daughters survive him.

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An Accident to Mr. Geo. R. Wilson

Mr. Geo. R. Wilson, formerly superintendent of the steam-engineering department at the Navy Yard, and a well-known resident of Capitol Hill, met with a serious accident at his home, 203 A street last evening. He was leaning with his back against the railing of his back porch when the railing gave way and he fell backward to the pavement 8 or 10 feet below. He was rendered unconscious by the fall. A long gash was cut in his head, and one of his shoulders was injured. It is feared also that he suffered internal injuries. Today his condition was much improved.