

## Jeremiah DeBell Wilson

(6 Dec 1826 – 10 Jul 1908)

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**Wilson.** On Friday, July 10, 1908, at 7:15 o'clock p.m., at his residence, 1333 12th street northwest, Jeremiah DeBell, beloved husband of Harriett C. Wilson. Funeral services at chapel in Congressional cemetery Monday, July 13, at 10 o'clock a.m. Friends and relatives invited.

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### **Mosby Cavalryman Dead**

#### **J. DeB. Wilson Owned Famous Black Mare Dairyman in Washington After Civil War Succumbs to Old Age**

Jeremiah DeBell Wilson, a resident of Washington for twenty-three years, and one of Mosby's confederate rangers, died at 7:15 o'clock last evening at his home, 1333 12th street northwest at the age of seventy-five years.

A general physical breakdown, due to advanced age, was the cause of death. His last illness lasted about four weeks.

Mr. Wilson was the owner and rider of the famous black mare referred to repeatedly by Col. Mosby in his memoirs as the finest mount in the Confederate army. Repeated attempts were made to capture this horse by the Federal soldiers. Many a Confederate officer tried to buy her, but all to no purpose.

#### *Lee in Search of Mount*

On the occasion of the "greenback raid" by Mosby's men, Mr. Wilson was absent, and therefore he did not share in the rich booty secured on that jaunt.

A few days later his companions tried to get him to sell his famous mount to Gen. Lee, who was in search of a good horse. Her owner said he would do so if each of the men who had made a haul of about \$20,000 each in greenbacks, would give him \$100.

The men would not consent to this. So Mr. Wilson rode his mare to the end of the war, afterward selling her for a good figure to the rector of St. Dominic's Catholic Church of this city.

Mr. Wilson was several times captured by the Federal troops and each time escaped with his horse.

#### *Dairyman After War*

For a number of years after he came to this city Mr. Wilson was engaged in the dairy business. He had retired at the time of his death.

Funeral services will be held over his remains Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the chapel at Congressional cemetery. The pallbearers will be Mahlon Hooff, Hammond Hoof, Willis Robinson and Stephen Baker.

He leaves a wife, formerly Miss Harriet Brown, whom he married forty-three years ago. Both he and his wife were born in Fauquier county, Va. Three children, Mrs. P.H. Hooff, Miss Hattie Wilson and William B. Wilson, and six grandchildren, also survive him.