

Richard Wimsatt

(15 Dec 1797 – 20 Sep 1867)

The Evening Star, Saturday, September 21, 1867

Death of An Old Citizen

Mr. Richard Wimsatt, a well known resident of the Seventh Ward, died suddenly yesterday morning at his residence, at the age of sixty-nine. Mr. Wimsatt was sitting in his doorway on Thursday evening engaged in conversation, when suddenly he was attacked with violent retchings, which continued some time, rendering him speechless from exhaustion. He continued to grow worse until 11 o'clock yesterday morning when death ensued. Mr. Wimsatt was a native of St. Mary's County, Md., and came to Washington about fifty years ago. For many years he was engaged in business on the Island, and was distinguished for his innate love of honesty and fair dealing.

The Evening Star, Monday, September 23, 1867

Funerals -- Yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late Richard Wimsatt took place from St. Dominick's church, South Washington, and was very largely attended, many of the most prominent citizens of the District being present, as well as numbers of the "Oldest Inhabitants" association. The pall bearers were Messrs. John F. Cullan, John H. Semmes, W. Cleary, J.W. Martin, John VanRiswick and W.K. Riley. The services at the church were conducted by Rev. J.A. Bokel, O.S.D., and were very impressive. The remains were taken to Congressional Cemetery, where they were placed in the vault of the family. Before the services, at the church commenced, the funeral of Mrs. Mary G. Gardiner approached the church, and the corpse was brought in and placed on the altar, and the services over both bodies were conducted at the same time.