

## Augustus C. Wrenn ( - 11 May 1937)

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**Wrenn, Augustus C.** On Tuesday, May 11, 1937, at his residence, 407 Rock Creek Church rd. nw., Augustus C. Wrenn, beloved husband of Katie I. Wrenn and father of Mrs. Stephen T. Early. Services at the S.H. Hines Co. funeral home, 2901 14th st nw., on Friday, May 14, at 10 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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### **Augustus Wrenn Dies Suddenly**



**A. C. Wrenn.**

#### **Authority on Naval Engineering Succumbs After Heart Attack**

Augustus C. Wrenn, chief clerk of the Bureau of Engineering, Navy Department, died suddenly last night at his home, 407 Rock Creek Church road.

Dr. Clayton Hixson, attending physician, attributed Mr. Wrenn's death to a heart attack. Mrs. Wrenn was at his bedside at the time of his death.

Besides the widow, the only survivor is Mrs. Stephen T. Early, wife of one of President Roosevelt's assistant secretaries, a daughter.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed, but it is expected the services will be held at Hines' undertaking establishment either on Thursday or Friday and that interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Wrenn was recognized as one of the greatest authorities on naval engineering in the department. His sudden death came as a shock to many associates and friends.

Mr. Wrenn entered the Navy Department more than 40 years ago and after a series of promotions was named chief clerk of Engineering Bureau about 20 years ago.

Mr. Wrenn was born in Virginia and came here with his parents as a small child. After attending public schools, he held several positions before being appointed to the Navy Department.

Mr. Wrenn was first married to Miss Ida Virginia Kemp of this city in 1893. A year after her death, in 1927, he married his present wife. Mr. Wrenn's only son, Arthur S. Wrenn, a pay clerk in the Navy was drowned in the Panama Canal in 1928.

Mr. Wrenn had been in excellent health until about a week ago when he complained of feeling badly and had remained away from the office for several days upon the advice of his physician.

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### **Wrenn Funeral Rites Are Set For Friday**

Funeral services for Augustus C. Wrenn, 68, chief clerk of the Bureau of Engineering, Navy department, who died Monday night at his home, 407 Rock Creek Church road, will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in Hines' funeral home, 2901 Fourteenth street. Rev. Dr. F.J. Bohanan, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rock Creek Parish, will officiate. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Wrenn, recognized as an authority on naval engineering, entered the Navy Department more than 40 years ago. He was named chief clerk of the bureau about 20 years ago. A native of Virginia, he came here with his parents when a child.

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**Funeral Friday For A.C. Wrenn, Engineer Clerk  
Veteran to Be Buried in Congressional Cemetery**

Funeral services for Augustus C. Wrenn, 68, a chief clerk in the Navy Department for nearly 40 years, will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock at Hines' undertaking establishment. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery, with the Rev. F.J. Bohanan, of Rock Creek Church, officiating.

Mr. Wrenn, who had served as the chief clerk in the Bureau of Engineering since 1910, died suddenly at his home, 407 Rock Creek Church road, late Monday night.

He had been in excellent health until a week ago, when he complained of feeling ill, and remained away from his office for several days. His death was attributed to a heart attack.

He was recognized as one of the greatest authorities on naval engineering in the navy Department. He was appointed chief clerk of the Bureau of Equipment in 1898 and continued in that capacity when the bureau was renamed the Bureau of Engineering in 1910.

A native of Virginia, he came to Washington as a small child with his parents. After attending local public schools, he held several positions before being appointed to the Navy Department.

In 1893 he married Ida Virginia Kemp, of this city. In 1928, a year after her death, he married his present wife, who was at his bedside at the time of his death. His only son, Arthur S. Wrenn, a pay clerk in the Navy was drowned in the Panama Canal nine years ago. A daughter, Mrs. Stephen T. Early, wife of one of President Roosevelt's secretaries, survives.