

James M. Wright

(4 Nov 1817 – 17 Feb 1891)

The Evening Star, Nov. 27, 1858

A Severe Accident

We learn this morning, that James M. Wright, a clerk in the Judge Advocate's office, in the War Department, met with a very severe accident about a week ago, from the effects of which he has since been confined to his bed. He had taken passage on the cars for Bladensburg, and on the train arriving at the platform of the old landing place he supposed it would stop there, and prepared himself for jumping off. The train, however, kept on to a new stopping-place, and Mr. Wright jumped from it before its speed was sufficiently relaxed. He was thrown a considerable distance, and falling upon his head, sustained several very dangerous bruises. He is now in an improving condition, but has narrowly escaped with his life.

The Evening Star, December 24, 1888

Two Golden Weddings

Two of Them Occur on the Same Evening

Next Thursday evening the fiftieth anniversary of the marriages of two old citizens of Washington, Capt. Isaac Bassett and James M. Wright, esq., will occur.

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James M. Wright was born in Alexandria, then in the District of Columbia, November 4, 1817. After his early school days in Alexandria he moved to Maryland, and finally came to this city, where he became chief clerk of the judge-advocate-general's office, an office which he held for more than 20 years.

The Evening Star, December 28, 1888

Two Golden Weddings

Full of Honors and Years--Testimonials of Friends

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The golden wedding of Mr. James M. Wright was celebrated yesterday evening at his residence, 1800 11th street northwest. Mr. Wright is chief clerk in the office of the judge-advocate-general, and is 75 years of age; he is Mrs. Wright's senior by several years. He is a member of the Oldest Inhabitants Association, and his brethren remembered him with a gift of a solid gold service. About forty members of the association were present, and they, with relatives and other friends, made the visitors number over two hundred.

Wright. On February 17, 1891 at 4 o'clock p.m., James Wright, in the 74th year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, 1800 11th street northwest, Friday, 20th inst. at 2 p.m.

The Evening Star, February 20, 1891

Death of Mr. James M. Wright

The funeral of Mr. James M. Wright, an old and well-known resident of this city, who died at his residence, 1800 11th street Tuesday, takes place this afternoon. Mr. Wright came to Washington in

1842. He was at first constable and collector, then warden of the jail, then clerk at the Metropolitan Hotel. He served as justice of the peace. During the Pierce administration he was appointed a clerk in the War Department and later made chief clerk in the office of the judge advocate general, where he remained until 1874. Mr. Wright was born in Alexandria, November 4, 1817. It was a grandfather of his who found Lafayette wounded in the trenches at Yorktown and carried him out on his back. For this Lafayette gave him his watch, which was treasured by the family till stolen in 1817. Mr. Wright had nine children, of whom seven are living. The funeral takes place this afternoon.