

Dr. Charles E. Allen

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Allen. The members of Evangelist Chapter, Knights Rose Croix, No. 1, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, S.J., U.S.A., will assemble at the cathedral of the rite, 1007 G street northwest, Sunday, December 27, 1908, at 2 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of attending the funeral of our brother, Charles Allen. 32d.

Ellwood P. Morey, K.O.C.H., Wise Master

Elmer E. Simpson, 32, Secretary

Allen. The members of the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants, Dist. of Col., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services of our late associate. Charles Allen, M.D.

Theodore W. Noyes, President

Benj. W. Reiss, R.S.

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Dr. Charles Allen Dead

Resident of Washington for Over Fifty Years

Well Known as Physician, Charity Worker and

Member of Oldest Inhabitants' Association

Dr. Charles Allen, a resident of Washington for over fifty years, died yesterday afternoon at the family residence, 9 Grant place, in his 74th year. Dr. Allen's death came as the result of a stroke of paralysis. A little over a year ago he suffered a shock of paralysis and since that time had not been in the best of health. He was driving yesterday and became helpless while in the vicinity of 3d and G streets northwest. He was, however, able to direct people to his house, where he was taken and where he died within an hour.

Dr. Allen came to Washington from the south when he was seventeen years old and secured a position as time clerk in the arsenal, which at that time manufactured much of the government ammunition and armament. Through successive promotions he rose to the position of chief clerk.

Feeling that his field of activities was limited in the government service, he entered the medical school of Georgetown University, and after graduating turned his attention to building up a practice. In the earlier years of his medical career he conducted a drug store, and for several years he was a ward physician in the southwest part of the city.

His experience as ward physician gave him an accurate insight into the conditions among the poor people of the city, and he was known as an active and earnest worker for charity. He gave his medical services free to many poor families throughout his entire career as a physician.

One of the hymn books now in use in many Baptist churches was compiled by him after months of hard work. He was interested in matters of that kind, and took especial delight in original literary work.

He was a member of the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants, a thirty-second degree Mason of the Scottish Rite, a member of the New Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, F.A.A.M.; Washington Royal Arch Chapter, No. 2, and Washington Commandery, No. 1. He was an Odd Fellow for fifty years.

His widow, four sisters and two brothers survive him.

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Funeral of Dr. Allen

Arrangements Completed for Religious and Masonic Services

Funeral services over the remains of Dr. Charles Allen, who died Thursday afternoon, will be held in the Second Baptist Church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. E. Hez Swem, the pastor, will officiate.

Following the service by the minister, members of the Masonic fraternity will take charge and will also act as pallbearers. Dr. Allen was a member of New Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, F.A.A.M.; Washington Chapter, No. 2, R.A.M.; Washington Commandery, No. 1, and Columbia Lodge, No. 10, I.O.O.F. Columbia Lodge will meet tonight to pass resolutions of sympathy on the death of their fellow-member. The interment will be in Congressional cemetery.

New Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, F.A.A.M., will convene in special session tomorrow at 2 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of attending the funeral and conducting the Masonic services. The funeral service of the Rose Croix will be conducted by Evangelist Chapter, No. 1, A.A.S.R. The blue lodge service will be conducted at the interment in Congressional cemetery.

Master John G. Schofield has announced that owing to the funeral service for Dr. Allen, the religious services at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, which take place at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, under the auspices of the New Jerusalem Lodge, will be in charge of the lodge chaplain, Rev. William Lee Lynn, assisted by Past Master George W. Smith. The lodge will be represented at both services.

The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants will also be represented at the funeral.

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Funeral of Dr. Allen

Buried With Masonic Rites in the Congressional Cemetery

Funeral services for Dr. Charles Allen were held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Second Baptist Church, the pastor, Rev. E. Hez Swem, officiating. Interment followed in the Congressional cemetery with the Masonic ritual. Members of the Oldest Inhabitants' Association of the District, the Masons and the Odd Fellows, of all of which Dr. Allen was a member, attended the services.

Dr. Allen was a resident of the city for more than fifty years, and was one of the best known of its physicians when practicing. Ill health prevented him from continuing some time ago. He died suddenly last Thursday.

Forman, Stephen M., A Guide to Civil War Washington, Washington, DC: Elliott & Clark Publishing, 1995.

Allen was a Washingtonian who testified at Dr. Samuel Mudd's trial that Mudd and several other people stopped at his house March 23 and stayed until midnight. The government was trying to show that Dr. Mudd was in Washington for a meeting with the conspirators to kill President Lincoln.