

John A. Baker (- 6 May 1929)

Baker. Monday, May 6, 1929 at 2:20 a.m. at his residence, 1819 H street northwest, John A., in his 90th year, son of the late Thomas and Mary Baker. Funeral from his late residence. Interment private.

The Washington Post, May 7, 1929, p. 5

John A. Baker, 89, Civic Leader, Dies

Native of City Was Member of "Committee of 100" Half Century Ago

Active In Club Affairs

John A. Baker, 89 years old, Washington financier and civic leader, died early yesterday morning at his home at 1819 H street northwest.

Mr. Baker, a native of Washington, was a son of the late Thomas and Mary Baker. He originally engaged in the manufacture of chemical fertilizer, but retired from business 45 years ago, and since has been interested in financial and civic affairs.

The "Committee of One Hundred," through which the present form of government of the District was established a half century ago, had Mr. Baker as its secretary. For a number of years he was chairman of the committee named to select and supply jurymen for the courts.

He was the last survivor of the organizers of Garfield Hospital and for a number of years was chairman of its executive committee and a member of its board of directors.

He was one of the oldest members, in length of membership, of the Metropolitan Club, and was chairman of the committee which had charge of erection of the club building at Seventeenth and H streets northwest. He was a vice president and one of the oldest members of the Chevy Chase Club, and was also a member of the Grasslands Club.

Mr. Baker is survived by a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary G. Baker, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Baker Kemp Beach. Funeral services will be at the residence at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Burial will be in the Congressional Cemetery.

The Evening Star, May 7, 1929

J.A. Baker Dead; Burial Tomorrow

Civic Leader and Retired Business Man Was Native of Washington

Funeral services for John A. Baker, 89 years old, retired business man of this city, prominently identified with civic affairs, clubs and institutions here, who died at his home, 1819 H street, yesterday, will be conducted at the residence tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be private.

Mr. Baker's civic work included services as secretary of the Committee of One Hundred through which resulted the present form of government of the District in 1874. He also served as chairman of a special committee to select jurors. He always maintained an active interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the District.

Mr. Baker was an organizer and one of the oldest members of the Metropolitan Club, and served as chairman of its executive committee and member of its board of governors for a number of years, in addition to serving as chairman of the committee which selected the site for and had charge of erecting the present Metropolitan Club at Seventeenth and H streets. He also was one of the oldest members of the Chevy Chase Club and belonged to the Grasslands Association.

In addition, Mr. Baker was a descendant of founders of Garfield Hospital and served as chairman of its executive committee and member of its board of directors for a number of years.

Engaged in the chemical fertilizer business here many years ago, Mr. Baker maintained his principal plant on the water front in Georgetown and had subsidiary plant buildings at Germantown, Md.; Seneca, Md., and on Louisiana avenue. He retired from active business 45 years ago.

In more recent years he had engaged in literary pursuits. He maintained a large library. A native of this city, he was the son of the late Thomas and Mary Baker.

He is survived by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary G. Baker, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Baker Kemp Beach, of this city.