

Charles Henry Bates

(- 30 Nov 1952)

Bates, Charles Henry. On Thursday, November 30, 1952, Charles Henry Bates of 1650 Harvard St. N.W., husband of Lina M. Bates; also survived by stepdaughter Mary K. Foss. Services at the S.H. Hines Co. Funeral Home, 2901 14th st. nw., on Saturday, November 22, at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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C.H. Bates, Retired D.C. Lawyer, Dies



Mr. Bates

Funeral services for Charles Henry Bates, 84, a retired lawyer and prominent Washington civic figure for more than a half century, will be held at 2 p.m. today at the Hines funeral home, 2901 14th st. nw. Burial will be in the family plot in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Bates died Thursday at his home, Harvard Hall, 1650 Harvard st. nw., after an illness of several months.

A member of an early American pioneer family, Mr. Bates, a native Washingtonian, became a noted railroad lawyer. He represented many firms, including the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific Railways, during his long career.

He was a descendant of the Bates family from Jamestown Settlement in earliest colonial days in Virginia. One of them was attorney general in the cabinet of President Lincoln.

For more than 50 years, Mr. Bates served as president of the alumni class of 1886 of the old Central High School. He was graduated from Columbian University law school, now the George Washington University Law school, in 1888.

Active in civic affairs, Mr. Bates was a former president of the Society of Natives of the District, the Washington Transportation Club, and a past vice president of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants. He also belonged to the Washington Board of Trade, the University Club, Columbia Historical Society, and numerous fraternal and legal organizations.

He is survived by his wife, Lina.