Dr. John Edward Bates

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Bates. On Saturday, April 27, 1907, at 1:45 a.m., at George Washington University Hospital, John Edward Bates, in his 84th year. Funeral from his late residence, The Braddock, 1929 18th street northwest, Monday, April 29, at 2 p.m. Interment in Congressional cemetery.



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Death of Dr. J.E. Bates

Resident of District for Years, but Native of Virginia

Dr. John Edward Bates died at the George Washington University Hospital at an early hour this morning, at the age of eighty-four years. It has been arranged to hold the funeral from his late residence, the Braddock, at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, interment to be in Congressional cemetery. Deceased was one of the oldest residents of the District of Columbia, having resided here about sixty-five years. He was a native of Fairfax county, Va., but came to Washington when he was a lad, and later in life conducted a pharmacy.

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Dr. John Edward Bates Dead Dean of Pharmaceutical Profession in Washington Arrangements for Funeral to Take Place From Family Residence This Afternoon

Arrangements have been made to hold the funeral of Dr. John Edward Bates from his late residence, 1929 18th street northwest, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The services will be conducted by Rev. William H. Chapman, for years pastor of the Fourth Street Methodist Episcopal

Church, where Dr. Bates was a communicant. Interment will be in the Congressional cemetery, as was announced in The Star yesterday afternoon.

By the death of Dr. Bates Washington has lost a man who was for many years prominent in business affairs and who was during most of that time the dean of the pharmaceutical profession in the city. He had been in failing health, and about two weeks ago his condition became so critical that he was removed to the George Washington University Hospital, where an operation was performed in the hope of prolonging his life. Dr. Bates failed to rally, however, and death occurred at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

Native of Virginia

Dr. Bates was born in Fairfax county, Va., October 14, 1823. He came to Washington when a boy of sixteen and resided here continuously since then. After studying pharmacy under Dr. Kidwell of Georgetown, with whom he was associated for two years. Dr. Bates removed to the southeast section

of the city, at that time the heart of Washington, and entered the drug business on his own account. The store which he established was for years one of the leading pharmacies of the city.

When the development began of what is now the northwest business section Dr. Bates established a branch drug store at the corner of 13th and F streets and conducted both business places for several years, but the branch store soon grew to such proportions as to demand his attention. For twenty-five years it was the leading pharmacy of Washington, and Dr. Bates became the dean of the pharmaceutical profession of the capital. He retired from the F street store in 1876, removing to the corner of 18th and K streets northwest and twelve years ago he retired altogether from active business.

His long residence here and the confidential nature of his profession brought him into contact with many of the public men of the early days of Washington. Richard Wallach and Col. James G. Berret, two of the city's earliest mayors, were among his best friends. Dr. Bates was one of the oldest members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Masonic order of Washington, but for many years had not taken an active interest in their affairs.

Dr. Bates married, January 6, 1852, Miss Charlotte Williams of Lockport, N.Y., and in 1902 the couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, when hundreds of their friends testified to the esteem in which they were held. Mrs. Bates' death occurred two years ago. Seven children were born of the union, of whom four survive -- Charles H. Bates, attorney for the Southern Pacific railroad; John W. Bates and Misses Louise and Martha V. Bates, all of this city.