

William Benning

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Benning. On Tuesday morning suddenly, William Benning, Esq., aged 60 years. His funeral will take place this morning at 11 o'clock from his late residence on 7th street near the General Post Office to which his friends are invited.

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Neighborhood News And Gossip

Correspondence of The Evening Star

Benning, April 5, 1888

In 1812 William Benning was a privateer on the sea, during our little breeze with England. (Privateer is euphemistic for pirate.) It is said that he brought home lots of gold, and, like Captain Kidd, buried it on the Eastern Branch. In one sense he did bury it, for he sunk it in land. At any rate, he was not without his reward, for he has got a bridge named for him and a now growing settlement. Mrs. Lowrie owns and occupies the historic Benning residence; but, so far as I can learn, no one has ever discovered the iron pots of buried money. Mr. Benning died about 1833, and is buried in the Congressional cemetery. The Stock Yard Company is providing the material for a wire fence along the road by which its numerous droves have necessarily to pass into the city. The old corner post-office is, I hear, to become a hotel. Mrs. Manning has disposed of some valuable property to Mr. C.A. McEuen. In Burrville, a village back of Benning by a mile or so, several houses have of late gone up, and others are contemplated. Here reside the Rev. Mr. Bell and the Rev. Mr. Wales, both Methodists, and the Rev. R.J. Daniel is also owner of property, though a non-resident. No doubt Benning is destined to be the site of the Union depot, when there is one, its accessibility being so greatly in its favor. Mr. W. Sanders has laid off lots on Sheriff road at fair figures. Mr. William Mayse has foreclosed eleven acres on the same road and contemplates laying it off in quarter-acre lots. It lies on the railroad and not far from the station. Additional room is needed for school purposes, and Mr. Voorhees favors an early erection of the needed enlargement of his present quarters. He and his wife have been for many years among the most trusted and honored educators of the neighborhood. Dr. J.W. Dean has, I learn, fourteen houses ready, or nearly ready, for occupancy, instead of the smaller number given in my last. A drug store here would pay, and a resident physician is greatly needed, there being none nearer than four miles, and the sick are liable to get well before one can be got. C.

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The Benning-McGuire House,

William Benning