

## David L. Berkley

( 19 Aug 1844 – 25 Feb 1911)

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**Berkeley.** Peacefully passed away on Saturday, February 25, 1911 at 1:30 p.m., David I. Berkeley, beloved husband of Frances A. Berkeley. Funeral services at his late residence, 1337 15th street northwest at 10 a.m., Tuesday, February 28 (Philadelphia and Baltimore papers please copy).

*The Evening Star, February 26, 1911, p. 10*

### **D.L. Berkeley Dead At Home In This City**

#### **In Point of Service Was Oldest Letter Carrier in the District**

Funeral services for David Lampkin Berkeley, a native of the District of Columbia and the oldest letter carrier in Washington, in point of service, who died of arterial cirrhosis at his home, 1337 15th street northwest, yesterday afternoon, will be held at his late residence at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. Rev. J. Howard Wells, pastor of Mount Vernon Place M.C. Church South, officiating. The interment will be at Congressional cemetery.

#### *Native of Washington*

Mr. Berkeley was born in this city August 19, 1844, and was sixty-six years of age. He attended the public schools of Washington and when a young man was married in this city. He was appointed a letter carrier in the District in April 12, 1871. For many years he had a responsible position in his line of work, which brought him in contact with many people high in business and official life. His long and highly satisfactory service in the city post office earned many honors that came to him in later years.

He was an active and earnest member of Mount Vernon Place M.E. Church and a life member of Naval Lodge, No. 4, F.A.A.M. That lodge will have charge of the obsequies. He was also a charter member of the Masonic Relief Association of the District of Columbia, which was in later years merged into the Masonic Mutual Life Company.

#### *Lifelong Resident Here*

Mr. Berkeley spent all of his life in Washington and was probably one of the best known postmen in the city. For a number of years he was a familiar figure to the merchants and businessmen of Pennsylvania avenue west of 9th street to 13th street.

Mr. Berkeley was taken seriously ill last November, but had been in failing health for the past year. However, since last summer he had made a number of attempts to resume his work at the city post office, but was compelled to return home through weakness.

His widow, Frances A. Berkeley, two daughters and three sons survive him. The pallbearers at his funeral Tuesday will be Masons and will be selected from among his late associates in the post office.

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### **Funeral of David L. Berkeley**

Funeral services for David L. Berkeley, husband of Frances A. Berkeley, the oldest letter carrier in Washington in point of service, were held at the late residence, 1337 15th street northwest at 10 o'clock this morning, Rev. J. Howard Wells, pastor of Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Episcopal Church South, officiating. The interment was made in Congressional cemetery. The pallbearers were selected from his old post office associates who were members of the Masonic fraternity.