

John W. Boggs

(28 Sep 1833 – 9 Sep 1897)

Boggs. Suddenly on Thursday, September 9, 1897 at 7 a.m., John W. Boggs, Sr. in the 64th year of his age. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend services at his late residence, 634 N. Carolina avenue southeast on Saturday, September 11 at 10 a.m. Interment private (Norfolk and Richmond papers please copy).

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In Memoriam

Boggs. Mr. John W. Boggs, who died very suddenly in this city last Thursday morning, was born in the city of Richmond, Va., September 28, 1833. When but a youth he removed to Norfolk, where he learned the carpenter's trade. He married Miss Esther A. Wilson of Salisbury, Md., and at the age of 21 established himself in Washington as a stair-builder. For more than 35 years Mr. Boggs continued his business on Capitol Hill, and he became recognized as an authority in all questions pertaining to stair-building.

His second wife, who survives him, was Mrs. John R. Elvans. Shortly subsequent to his second marriage, Mr. Boggs retired from business on account of failing health. He traveled extensively, visiting different resorts, in the vain hope of recovering his health. On all his travels Mr. Boggs was accompanied by his devoted wife. He was contemplating his usual visit to Florida, where he was in the habit of spending the winters, when suddenly stricken down.

Mr. Boggs was an upright citizen, who died as he had lived, in the hope of eternal life through Christ Jesus.

Besides his widow, four sons, John W. and Julius O. of New York city, Wm. B. and Melville A. of this city, and Mrs. J. Wm. Howard of Boston, his only daughter, survive him.