

Reuben Bradley

(12 May 1861 – 18 Mar 1908)

Bradley. On March 18, 1908 at 6 p.m. at the Navy Medical School, Renton Bradley, aged 47 years. Funeral at 2 p.m., March 21 from 742 9th street southeast with military honors (Other papers please copy).

The Evening Star, July 17, 1911, p. 16

Monument Unveiled

Woodmen of the World Honor Memory of Deceased Member

The Woodmen of the World yesterday afternoon at Congressional cemetery unveiled a monument erected in memory of Reuben Bradley, a former member of Old Glory Camp of the order and for a number of years drum major of the United States Marine Band. Representative Morris Sheppard of Texas, the sovereign banker of the order delivered the oration of the day following a brief address by Consul Commander H.I. Meader, and the reading of the poem, "Oh, Why Should the Spirit of Mortal Be Proud," by J.R.J. Swan of Elm Camp, No 8. A libation of pure water was poured upon the grave while the American flag, which draped the monument, was unfurled.

The monument is a shaft of Maine granite, surmounted by a ball, and bears the inscription "Reuben Bradley, May 12, 1861 - March 18, 1908." Near the top it bears the seal of the order. The unveiling was under the direction of Consul Commander H.I Meader, Spencer E. Brown, C.D. Howland and J.M. Heinbuch.

The following degree teams took part in the ceremonies: Oak Camp, Capt. G.C. Wilsher, R.C. Crease, E.L. Caskey, K.C. Flickinger, G.F. Pennington, E.V. Wagner and G.A. Cooper; Elm Camp, Capt. J.C. McConnell, J.L. Dickson, J.W. Hall, J.E. Knight, L.E. Gates and Samuel A. Ewalt.