

Thomas R. Brightwell (- 9 Jul 1902)

Brightwell. On Wednesday, July 9, 1902 at 1:15 a.m. at his residence, Thomas R. Brightwell in the 91st year of his age. Funeral from residence, Deanwood, DC, Thursday, July 10 at 4 o'clock p.m. Please omit flowers.

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Thomas R. Brightwell Dead

Had Lived in the District Since the Year 1836

Thomas R. Brightwell died at his country home near Deanwood yesterday in the ninety-first year of his age. He had lived where he died since 1836. He had seen the city of Washington in its infancy, and often boasted that he had hunted birds in the marsh where the Washington Center market now stands.

Mr. Brightwell was a messenger to a committee of Congress when that body met in the old Capitol building on 1st street east. He was congenial and social, kindly disposed toward all men and very hospitable in his own home. Nothing delighted him more than to get a party of his old friends together and entertain them with reminiscences of his early life in the city of Washington. He never turned a deaf ear to appeals for aid from the poor or from friends in distress. He died possessed of a vast estate in the District of Columbia.