George Hay Brown

(-23 Nov 1909)

Brown. On Tuesday, November 23, 1909 at 2:45 p.m. at his residence, 1357 Euclid street, George Hay Brown in the 71st year of his age. Funeral from New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Saturday, November 27 at 2:30 o'clock. Friends invited to attend. Interment private.

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Cold Ends Fatally
George Hay Brown Directed Laying
Out of Public Grounds Here



Funeral services for George Hay Brown, landscape gardener of public buildings and grounds, who died yesterday afternoon at his home, No. 1357 Euclid street northwest, will be held either Friday or Saturday at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe will officiate and the interment will be in Congressional cemetery. The exact day on which the services will be held has not yet been decided on by the family.

Mr. Brown, who was nearly seventy-two years old, died after an illness of several days, caused by a cold he caught last Saturday. He is survived by a widow, who was Miss Elizabeth Sascocaski; three sons, Percival M., a Washington attorney; George H. of Boston and Orville G., assistant surgeon in the United States Army, and two daughters, Miss Elizabeth and Miss Kathryn S. Brown.

Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, Mr. Brown became his father's assistant as a landscape gardener at the age of fifteen years. Father and son emigrated to Philadelphia in 1850 to seek a broader field for their work. Six years later the son came to Washington and took charge of the government experimental gardens. He remained in Washington until the outbreak of the civil war, when he enlisted in the 7th Battalion of the District Militia, where he served three months as a first lieutenant. He then entered the Engineer Corps in a civil capacity, and served with it until the war was over.

In 1870 Mr. Brown again entered the service of the government, in the position which he held from that time until his death. He directed the laying out of the public grounds of the National Capital, including those of the White House and the Capitol.

He was a member of the Loyal Legion, a Knight Templare, a past master of Lebanon Lodge, F.A.A.M., and an elder of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.