

Robert Brown

(- 1 Oct 1868)

Brown. On the 1st inst., Robert Brown, aged 84 years. The friends of the family are requested to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 25 south A street, Capitol Hill, on tomorrow (Friday) the 2d instant at 3 o'clock p.m.

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An Aged Citizen Gone

Robert Brown, Esq., one of the oldest residents of Capitol Hill, died at one o'clock this morning, at his residence on south A street and immediately opposite the Capitol square. Mr. B. had attained the ripe old age of eighty-four, and was always a hale, hearty man until about a week since, when he was prostrated to rise no more. He was a native of Scotland, but came to this country when quite a young man, and settled in this city, where obtained lucrative employment and held the most responsible positions. Mr. B. superintended the construction of the Capitol building proper, the President's House, and the immense dry dock at Gosport navy yard. He was the contractor for the building now occupied as the General Post Office. Having been very successful in early life, he accumulated quite a fortune, and for the last thirty years has been out of business entirely, and led a quiet and easy life. He had not an enemy, and was universally esteemed for his uprightness and probity of character. He was a link between the past and present generations, and was one of that class of aged and respectable citizens who are rapidly passing from our midst. He was a devoted husband and father, and a true and sincere friend; and after a happy and well-spent life he has gone to rest, with the esteem and good will of all his fellow men. His funeral will take place from his residence, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.