

## James Bury

( - 4 Feb 1863)

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**Bury.** On the morning of the 4th inst., James Bury, Esq., in the 80th year of his age. Deceased was a captain of volunteers in the war of 1812 and one of the oldest residents of Washington. His funeral will take place from his late residence, on Virginia avenue, between 6th and 7th streets east, on Friday, 6th inst., at 2 o'clock p.m., where the friends of the family are invited to attend.

**Letter dated Nov. 28, 1899** signed "Marie E. Byington, 1468 Rhode Island Avenue"

Excerpt

"Permit me to say my maternal grandfather, Capt. James Bury, with his family, was living in South East Washington in the year 1800. My mother was born there a few years later. The house in which they lived was quite a pretentious frame building located upon the site of about what now would be 5th or 6th and H or G Sts. S.E. -- I remember seeing the building many years ago, but I think now it has vanished. Very early in 1800 my grandfather built the old brick house that now stands on Virginia Ave. and 5th or 6th sts. S.E. -- The land was then quite a little farm with streams etc."

**Letter dated Feb. 22, 1900** signed "Marie E. Byington, 1468 Rhode Island Avenue"

mentions that her maternal grandfather Capt. James Bury served in the War of 1812 and was a resident of East Washington in 1800. He, "The true American lies in Congressional Cemetery with his good American Sword and final victory as his reward." Capt. Bury's father was William Bury who was a notorious Tory who owned and lived in the brick house at the old toll gate on "Bladensburgh" road near the District line. He is buried in the graveyard of old Addison Chapel in Prince Georges Co.

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