

William Henry Byers

(1834 – 28 Jan 1889)

Byers. On January 27, 1915 at 6:25 a.m. at his residence, 219 E street northwest, William Henry, devoted husband of Mary Emiles Byers, aged 79 years. Funeral services from the Fifth Baptist Church, 6-1/2 and E streets southwest Friday at 2 o'clock. Interment Congressional Cemetery. Friends and relatives invited (Baltimore and Richmond papers please copy).

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William H. Byers Dead; Long Resident of City

Born in Baltimore Seventy-Nine Years Ago But Came to Washington as a Young Man

William H. Byers, seventy-nine years old, veteran brickmason and resident of this city for nearly sixty years, died early this morning at his home, 219 E street northwest, where he had lived for more than a quarter of a century. Mr. Byers had been ill about four years.

Funeral services are to be held at the Fifth Baptist Church, Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Mr. Byers was one of the oldest members of the congregation of this church. Interment is to be at Congressional cemetery.

He was born in 1834 in Baltimore and came to this city as a young man. He was regarded as an "all-around brick-mason" and worked for Gov. Shepherd when the latter was in the contracting business. Mr. Byers had worked on the pension office, Cabin John bridge the Georgetown reservoir, the old building where the Raleigh Hotel now stands and many other Washington edifices.

Mr. Byers was janitor at the Amidon School, 6th and F streets southwest, for thirty-years, retiring about ten years ago.

His wife, Mrs. Mary Emily Byers; a son, Wm. J. Byers; a sister, Mrs. H. Hudson, and a number of grandchildren survive him.