

William Cooper

(- 9 Dec 1871)

Cooper. At his residence, South Washington, this morning, December 9th in the 74th year of his age, William Cooper, a native of England, but from his youth a resident of this city. He filled with honor several positions of trust under the former government of the city of Washington and his life and character as known to his associates, the Oldest Inhabitants, and in fact by all the old citizens are his best eulogy. Funeral Monday, 11th inst. at 2 o'clock p.m. The friends of the family are requested to attend without further notice.

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Death of An Old Citizen

Mr. William Cooper, one of the oldest residents of this city, died this morning at his residence on south D street, between 9th and 10th streets. He was 74 years of age, born in Norwich, England, and emigrated to this country with his father when a small boy, and lived in Philadelphia until he was 17 years of age when he came to this city and learned the trade of printer. His father kept a music, job printing, and stationery store, on Pennsylvania avenue, between 9th and 10th streets, in which he was assisted by deceased, and where he learned his trade. He afterwards worked on the National Intelligencer, and when Mr. Seaton was elected Mayor, he appointed Mr. Cooper commissioner of the 4th ward, and afterwards police magistrate in the seventh ward, which position he held several years. He has for the last six or seven years held a responsible position as clerk in the Internal Revenue Department, which he had filled with entire satisfaction to the chief of the Bureau. His large circle of friends will be sorry to hear of his demise, especially those in the neighborhood where he has lived so many years and who were familiar with his social and genial nature. Mr. Cooper was formerly communicant in the Unitarian Church, but has recently been connected with the Baptist Church, of which Rev. Mr. Meador is pastor. The funeral will take place on Monday next from his late residence.

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The Funeral of the late William Cooper took place from his late residence, on D street, south, yesterday afternoon, and was very largely attended; the Grand Lodge and Encampment, Magenenu Encampment and Excelsior Lodge of Odd Fellows, and Lebanon Lodge of Masons, with a number of the Oldest Inhabitants, being present. The services were conducted by Rev. C.C. Meador, and the remains were taken to the Congressional Cemetery, where they were placed in a vault temporarily.