William A. Cooper

(- 26 Dec 1929)

Cooper, William A. On Thursday, December 26, 1929, at his residence, 303 L st. s.e, William A. Cooper, lieutenant U.S.N. retired. Funeral Saturday, December 28 from Second Baptist Church, 4th st. and Virginia ave. se., at 2 p.m. Friends and relatives invited to attend.

Cooper, William A. Special communication of Naval Lodge, No. 4, F.A.A.M., is called at 1:30 Saturday afternoon, December 28, 1929 for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, William A. Cooper. By order of the worshipful master

Roland Brown, Secretary

Cooper, William A. The members of Association of Oldest Inhabitants are requested to attend the funeral of our late associate, William A. Cooper, from his lat residence, 303 L st. s.e., Saturday, December 28, 1929, at 2 p.m.

Theodore W. Noyes, President J. Eliott Wright, Secretary

Cooper, William A. The officers and members of the Admiral George Dewey Naval Camp, No 7, U.S.W.V., are hereby requested to attend the funeral of our late comrade, William A. Cooper, lieutenant, U.S.N., retired, which will be held from his late residence, 303 L st. s.e., on Saturday, December 28 1929, at 1 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

(Signed) Harry J. Davis, Commander

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Navy Veteran Dies Suddenly at Home

William A. Cooper, 92, Had Gone From Hospital for Holidays at His Residence

William A. Cooper, 92 years old, retired lieutenant, junior grade, United States Navy, for many years active in local organizations, died suddenly at his home, 303 L street southeast, yesterday as preparations were being made to take him back to the Naval Hospital, from where he had been removed to spend the Christmas holidays at home. Mr. Cooper had been a patient for some time at Naval Hospital.

Mr. Cooper served in both the Civil and Spanish-American wars. He reenlisted after service in the Civil War and served continuously until retired in December, 1899. He was stationed at the Washington Navy Yard during the war with Spain. Having been promoted to chief boatswain, he was placed on the retired list with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade.

Mr. Cooper was a member of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia and had long been active in the Masonic fraternity. His affiliations included membership in Naval Lodge, No. 4, F.A.A.M.; Naval Chapter, No. 6, Royal Arch Masons; DeMolay Commandery, Knights Templar, and in the Martha Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. He also was a member of the Lambskin Club and of the Spanish War Veterans' Association.

He is survived by two sons, William H. Cooper of Seat Pleasant, Md. and Wendell A Cooper of this city; three daughters, Mrs. M.J. Speaks and Mrs. Flora May Wood of this city and Mrs. Karl P. Wood of Atlanta, Ga.; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Second Baptist Church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.

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Services Held Here For Lt. W.A. Cooper

Retired Naval Officer, 92, Was Member of Oldest Inhabitants' Group

Funeral services for William A. Cooper, 92 years old, retired lieutenant, junior grade, United States Navy, who died at his home,, 303 L street southeast, Thursday, were conducted at the Second Baptist Church this afternoon, with interment in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Cooper died suddenly while he was preparing to return to Naval Hospital from where he had gone to his home for the Christmas holidays.

He was a veteran of both the Civil and Spanish-American Wars. Having being promoted to chief boatswain, he was placed on the retired list with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade, in December 1899.

Mr. Cooper was a member of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia and had long been active in the Masonic fraternity and the Spanish War veterans' organization here.

The Washington Post, December 28, 1929, p. 3

Last Rites Today For Lieut. Cooper

Funeral Hour Is Set for Retired Navy Officer, Who Died at 92

William A. Cooper, 92 years old, retired lieutenant, United States Navy, who died suddenly Thursday, will be buried this afternoon. Services will be held in the Second Baptist Church. Burial will be in the Congressional cemetery. Lieut. Cooper, who was a member of many local organizations, died in his home, 303 L street, southeast, as preparations were being made to take him to the Naval Hospital. He was spending the holidays with relatives.

He served in both the Civil and Spanish-American Wars and served until 1899, when he was retired. He was a member of the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia, Naval Lodge, No. 4, F.A.A.M.; Naval Chapter, No. 6, Royal Arch Masons; DeMolay Commandery, Knights Templars. He was also affiliated with the Lambskin Club and the Spanish War Veterans Association.

He is survived by two sons, Wendell A. Cooper, of this city, and William H. Cooper, of Seat Pleasant, Md.; three daughters, Mrs. M.J. Speaks and Mrs. Flora M. Wood, of this city, and Mrs. Karl P. Wood, of Atlanta, Ga., and several grandchildren.