

## Robert H. Cowan

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**Cowan.** On Saturday, February 27, 1909, at 10:20 p.m. at his residence, 8th street, Congress Heights, Robert Hart Cowan, in the 37th year of his age. Funeral from his late residence on Tuesday, March 2, at 2:30 p.m. Interment Congressional cemetery. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

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### **Robert Cowan's Funeral**

#### **Was a High Mason and a Leading Citizen as Well**

Funeral services for Robert H. Cowan, president of the Congress Heights Improvement Association, who died at his residence on 8th street, Congress Heights, Saturday, after an illness of four weeks will be held at his home tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The service will be conducted under the auspices of St. John's Lodge, No. 11, F.A.A.M., of which the deceased was a member. Interment will be made in the Congressional Cemetery. Representatives of the Knights of Pythias, the United Order of the Golden Cross and the improvement association will attend the services.

Mr. Cowan was born in Glasgow, Scotland, thirty-seven years ago, but came to this country as a boy. He went to Piedmont, W. Va., and there learned the machinist's trade in the shops of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. In 1898 he entered the government employ as a first-class machinist in the Washington navy yard.

For seven years he was secretary of Columbia Lodge, No. 174, International Association of Machinists, and at the time of his death was the assistant secretary-treasurer of the grand lodge of that organization. He was an active Mason and financial keeper of records of St. John's Commandery, No. 32, United Order of the Golden Cross. His membership in the Knights of Pythias was in the Lafayette Lodge at Piedmont. Mr. Cowan is survived by a wife and four young children.

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### **Robert H. Cowan's Funeral**

#### **Late Head of Congress Heights Association Is Interred**

Funeral services over the remains of Robert H. Cowan, president of the Congress Heights Improvement Association, who died Saturday, were held at the family residence in Congress Heights yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The funeral was under the auspices of St. John's Lodge, F.A.A.M., of which the deceased was a member.

Rev. William Brashaw, pastor of Esther Memorial Church, conducted the services. He was assisted by Rev. Frank Bartens, pastor of the Anacostia Baptist Church, and Rev. Mr. Spencer of the Anacostia Methodist Episcopal Church. Interment was in Congressional cemetery.