

Alexander Cross

(- 17 Feb 1859)

Cross. On the 17th inst., Alexander Cross in the 44th year of his age.

The Evening Star, February 24, 1859

Funeral of an Old and Esteemed Citizen

Yesterday afternoon, the Grand Lodge and Central Lodge, No. 1, of the I.O.O.F., with Withers' Band, proceeded to the Navy Yard, where they were joined by Columbia District Tent and Eagle Tent, No. 299, of the order of Rechabites, and marched to the family residence of the late Alexander Cross, Esq., to pay the last tribute of respect to his memory and consign his body to the tomb. The corpse was removed from the dwelling to the Ebenezer M.E. Church, where the funeral services of the church was performed by Rev. Mr. Chapman, the pastor, before an audience that crowded the aisles, seats, doorways, and every place where one could stand or sit. After the church service, an opportunity was afforded for those who desired to view for the last time the face of their deceased friend. The procession was again formed, and proceeded to the Congressional Cemetery, where the impressive funeral services of the Odd Fellows were performed by Chaplain Crowley, and of the Rechabites by Chaplain McKim, and the body was deposited in the vault.

The deceased was very highly esteemed by our citizens generally, which may be inferred from the fact that, besides the line of the two orders, a procession on foot, made up of both sexes, extending three squares in length, followed the corpse from the church to the cemetery. He had been a member of Ebenezer Station twenty-five years; twenty-two years an Odd Fellow; and was one of the oldest members of Eagle Tent of the Rechabites.