

Francis E. Cross

(20 May 1853 – 2 May 1927)

Cross. On Monday, May 2, 1927 at the Sibley Memorial Hospital, Francis E. Cross, beloved husband of Sallie N. Cross. Services will be held at his late residence, 319 9th street southeast on Thursday, May 5 at 10:30 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.



The Evening Star, May 3, 1927, p. 3

Francis E. Cross Dies In Hospital

Retired Police Inspector Served for Three Years on White House Detail

Francis E. Cross, retired police inspector and a lifelong resident of Washington, died at Sibley Hospital yesterday afternoon. Funeral service will be held at his late residence, 319 Ninth street southeast, Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock with Rev. E. Hez Swem officiating, and Lebanon Lodge, No. 7, F.A.A.M., of which Mr. Cross was a member assisting. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.

News of the death of Inspector Cross was received with regret at police headquarters. He was a member of the force for 43 years. He was retired on February 13, 1922.

Served in Navy

Inspector Cross was born in this city on May 20, 1853. He served an apprenticeship as a painter in the navy yard and then entered the naval service for eight years. After his discharge from the Navy he engaged here as a contract painter.

The Washington Post, May 4, 1927, p. 5

Funeral Tomorrow For Francis E. Cross

Retired Inspector Was Member of Police Force for 43 Years

Funeral services for Francis E Cross, retired police inspector, who died in Sibley hospital Monday afternoon, will be held in the home, 319 Ninth street southeast, at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. The service will be conducted by the Rev. E. Hez Sem, pastor of Centennial Baptist church, and Lebanon lodge, F.A.A.M., to which he belonged. Burial will be in Congressional cemetery.

He was a member of the police force for 43 years, retiring February 13, 1922. He was born in this city 73 years ago. He served an apprenticeship in the navy yard as a painter and was eight years in the navy. After his discharge he became a contract painter. He was appointed to the Metropolitan police department July 11, 1884. He was made an acting sergeant March 7, 1891; sergeant, March 3, 1892; night inspector, July 1, 1895; captain, May 10, 1901, and inspector, July 1, 1906. During the Spanish-American war he was detailed at the White House as the lieutenant in charge of the guard and he remained at that post three years.

Inspector Cross was secretary-treasurer of the Maryland division, Sons of Union Veterans. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Gurley E. Frye, and two brothers, John Henry Cross, of this city, and Thomas Everett Cross, of Maryland.

Maj. Edwin B. Hesse, superintendent of police, and five other police officials will act as honorary pallbearers. The others are: Assistant Superintendents A. Evans and H.G. Pratt; Inspectors H.H. Harrison, A.J. Headley and E.W. Brown.