

B. Franklin Darley

(2 Sep 1826 – 18 Oct 1884)

Daley. In this city, Saturday, October 18, 1884 at 11:40 p.m., Frank Darley, aged 58 years and 26 days. His funeral will take place from his late residence, No. 321 Missouri avenue northwest, tomorrow (Tuesday) morning, at ten o'clock. Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. (Baltimore, Md. and Ripley, Tenn., papers please copy).

The Evening Star, October 20, 1884

Death of a Well-known Composer

Mr. Frank Darley, a well-known compositor of this city, died at his residence, No. 321 Missouri avenue northwest, Saturday night, aged 58 years. Mr. Darley had been sick of typhoid fever since the 9th instant, and was under the care of Dr. Marstella. The deceased was born in Alexandria, Va., but came to this city when quite young and learned the printing trade. He worked here in the newspaper offices and the government printing office for several years, and was a compositor on The Evening Star for several years prior to 1859, when he moved to Wadesboro, N.C., where he established the North Carolina Argus. He was here when the war begun, and, enlisting in the confederate army, was captured by the federal forces and held as a prisoner some time. At the close of the war he returned to Wadesboro and reestablished the Argus, which he conducted till 1869, when he sold out and returned here, and since then he has worked at the government printing office, and for the last few years setting type for The Evening Star. Mr. Darley has been for years an active member of the typographical union, and was also a Knights of Pythias, holding the position of secretary of Syracustans Lodge, No. 10, of that order. He was a representative for some time to the grand lodge of the order. He was also a member of Federal lodge, No. 1, of Masons. Mr. Darley was a quiet, unassuming man, and was esteemed by all with whom he was brought in contact. He leaves a widow and several children, and has one brother living at Ripley, Tenn., and one in Baltimore. His funeral will take place tomorrow at ten o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Sunderland, of the First Presbyterian church, and the interment will be made at the Congressional Cemetery.

The Evening Star, October 21, 1884

Frank Darley's Funeral

The funeral of Frank Darley, the well-known compositor of this city, whose death was mentioned in yesterday's Star took place this morning from his late residence, No. 321 Missouri avenue. There was a large attendance, including many members of the Typographical Union and Syracusians Lodge, No. 10, Knights of Pythias, under Chancellor Commander Sprague. The remains attired in a suit of black were in a cloth-covered casket, with silver plate and handles and the emblems of the K. of P. and on it was a fine floral cross from The Star composing room, and other floral emblems. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Little of the Assembly's Presbyterian Church. The pall-bearers were J.D. Harris, J.H. O'Brien and H.H. McKeever, of the Typographical Union; A.E.L. Keese, John Humphrey and R.C. Glasscock of Syracusians Lodge, K. of P. The remains were interred at the Congressional cemetery with the rites of the order of K. of P., conducted by Prelate George F. Cuningham.