

Madison Davis

(18 Nov 1838 – 30 Jul 1913)

Davis. On Wednesday, July 30, 1913, at 6 p.m., after a lingering illness, Madison Davis. Funeral services at his late residence, 316 A street southeast, Friday, August 1, at 2:30 p.m.

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Madison Davis' Death Follows Long Illness

Born Here 75 Years Ago -- Assistant City Postmaster About 11 Years

Madison Davis, former assistant postmaster of the city, died at his home, 316 A street southeast, last evening, in the seventy-fifth year of his age. He was born in this city and lived here nearly his entire lifetime. Mr. Davis had been in ill health for about a year, his condition becoming such that he found it necessary to resign last April from the position he held as superintendent of postal station B, 4th and East Capitol streets.

Funeral services will be held at his late home tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. C.A. Thomas officiating. Interment will be at Congressional Cemetery.

Following his education in the schools of this city Mr. Davis learned the printing trade under his uncle at Lewisburg, W. Va., and in the government printing office.

Enlisted in Civil War

When the civil war broke out he enlisted in the Union army. So many men from the printing office resigned to enter the army that the public printer requested the President to muster some of them out. Mr. Davis was one of these. He remained in the government printing office for many years, rising to the position of chief clerk of the printing office.

He left this position to enter the postal service. Here he rose to the position of chief of the stamp division, which position he left to become chief clerk to the third assistant postmaster general. When John A. Merritt became city postmaster here he appointed Mr. Davis as assistant city postmaster, which position was filled for about eleven years by Mr. Davis. When Mr. Merritt was made collector of the port of Niagara, Mr. Davis was urged for the appointment to the postmastership, but President Roosevelt appointed B.F. Barnes, who was one of his secretaries. Later Mr. Davis was made superintendent of station B.

Served in Old House of Delegates

When residents of the District had right of franchise Mr. Davis was active in the city politics and was elected to several terms in the old house of delegates, representing one of the East Washington districts. He was also a member of the board of education.

Mr. Davis was a student of history and as a member of the Columbia Historical Society prepared and read several historical papers. He was a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 9, I.O.O.F., and of Federal Lodge, No. 1, F.A.A.M.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Virginia M. Davis, a daughter, Mrs. Charles Sherman Hillyer, survives him.

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Madison Davis Buried

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