

## **William H. Doleman** **(1858 – 8 Nov 1941)**

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**Doleman William Henry.** On Saturday November 8, 1941, at his residence, 1810 You pl. s.e., Willaim Henry Doleman, beloved husband of Ella Doleman (nee Robey) and father of William T. and Percy E. Doleman. Services at the Chambers funeral home, 517 11th st. s.e., on Tuesday, November 11, at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment in Congressional Cemetery.

*The Evening Star, November 9, 1941, p. A4*

### **William H. Doleman, Driver of Old-Time Fire Horses, Dies** **Veteran District Fireman Retired After 21 Years With Local Companies**

William H. Doleman, 83, one of the oldest District firemen, died yesterday of a heart attack at his home, 1810 U place S.E.

A native Washingtonian, he entered the fire-fighting service here in 1887 and retired 21 years later because of physical disability.

Mr. Doleman drove the fire horses which in those days were the only means of reaching a blaze. His retirement, friends point out, was forced by the weakening of his arms strained by many years of handling the reins.

Drivers of fire trucks in those days retired early, they said.

### *Served Various Companies*

The veteran fireman first served with what was then known as No. 2 Chemical Company, located at Twelfth and D streets N.W. He later was transferred to No. 3 Truck Company when it was organized at Fourteenth street and Ohio avenue N.W. Mr. Doleman retired while serving with No. 13 Truck Company which still is located at Tenth and G streets S.W.

A great admirer of the famous fire horse team of Barney, Gene and Tom. Mr. Doleman left the service before the horses were replaced by autos in the Fire Department. Tom, the last survivor died in 1933.

### *Ran Oyster Business*

Mr. Doleman was educated in the old Potomac School here. Following his retirement from District service, he maintained a wholesale oyster business in Southwest Washington for about five years.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ella Doleman; two sons, William T. and Percy E. Doleman, both of Washington; two sisters, Mrs. Eliza Thomas and Mrs. Dora Perkins, also of Washington; three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Chambers Funeral Home and burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

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### **William Doleman, Retired Fireman, Dies Unexpectedly**

William H. Doleman, 83, one of the city's oldest retired firemen, died unexpectedly yesterday morning at his home, 1810 U Place Southeast. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Chambers Southeast Funeral Home, and interment will be at Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Doleman was born in Washington and lived here all his life. He served with the fire department for 21 years as a driver with No. 2 Chemical Company, C Truck, Company and the No. 13 Engine House.

After his retirement for disability in 1908, he operated a small oyster business on the wharves for five years.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Ella Doleman; two sons, P.E. Doleman and William T. Doleman; two sisters, Mrs. Dora Perkins and Mrs. Eliza Thomas; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.