Walter Franklin Donaldson

(2 Jan 1879 - 20 Dec 1911)

Donaldson. On Wednesday, December 20, 1911 at Georgetown University Hospital, Walter Franklin Donaldson, in the 32nd year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, No. 908 Q street n.w. on Saturday, December 23 at 11 o'clock a.m. Interment at Congressional cemetery.

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Walter F. Donaldson Succumbs To Illness

Regarded as One of the Most Promising Members of the Bar

Funeral services for Walter F. Donaldson, whose death occurred yesterday afternoon at Georgetown University Hospital after an illness, continuing several months, will be held at the late residence, 908 Q street northwest, at 11 o'clock Saturday morning. Interment will be in Congressional cemetery.

Walter Franklin Donaldson was born in Washington January 2, 1879, being twelve days less than thirty-three years of age at the time of his death. He was educated in the public schools here and later took the law course at Georgetown University While in the law school he entered the law offices of the late Judge Charles C. Cole and R. Golden Donaldson his brother. He graduated from the law school with distinguished honors in 1905, and after the death of Judge Cole he continued the practice of law with his brother, R. Golden Donaldson. At the time of his death he was a member of the law firm of Ellis & Donaldson.

Mr. Donaldson was a young man of high character and great personal charm, and by sheer force of ability and industry he had worked himself to a high place in his profession when he was stricken with his last illness. He was generally recognized as one of the most promising of the younger members of the Washington bar.

While a student at Georgetown Mr. Donaldson became affiliated with Delta Tau fraternity, members of which will act as pallbearers.

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Funeral of W.F. Donaldson

Services at Home With Burial in Congressional Cemetery

The body of Walter F. Donaldson, who died last Wednesday at Georgetown University Hospital, following an illness of several months, was buried this morning in Congressional cemetery.

Funeral services were held at the family residence, 908 Q street northwest, at 11 o'clock, Rev. Dr. William Tayloe Snyder of the Church of the Incarnation officiating.

The pallbearers were Edward B. Quitley, George E. Oller, Theodore N. Kudd Garfield Charles, Edward K. Redmond and Abner H. Ferguson.