

Thomas L. English

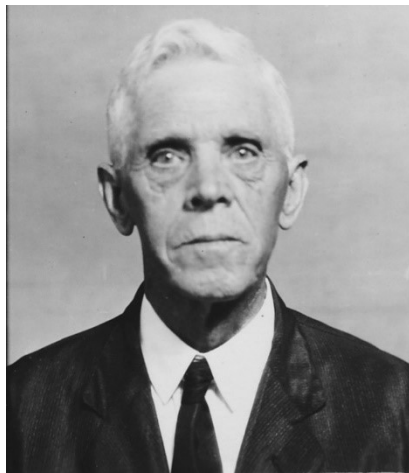
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English. On Saturday, April 2, 1932, at his residence, 28 Bryant street northwest, Thomas L., beloved husband of Ella M. English (nee Dent). Funeral services at St. Agnes' Episcopal Church, 46 Q street northwest, on Tuesday, April 5, at 11 a.m. Friends and relatives invited to attend. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

English. Members of the Association of Retired Policemen, D.C., are requested to assemble at 28 Bryant street northwest on Tuesday, April 5, at 10:30 a.m., to attend the funeral of our late comrade, Thomas L. English.

J.M. Walsh, President

Geo. W. Sollers, Secretary



The Washington Post, April 3, 1932, p. 5

"Tom" English, 71, Dies After Stroke

Retired Veteran Policeman Will Be Buried Tuesday; 36 Years on Force

Last July Police Headquarters and police reporters lost "Tom" English, and yesterday the world lost him.

Retired at the age of 71 years, after 36 years of service on the police force. Mr. English, the genial and tolerant spirit of Police Headquarters, died yesterday at his home at 28 Bryant street northwest, following a stroke.

Known to every local newspaperman who worked the "police beat" in the last 20-odd years, "Tom" was assigned at headquarters for nearly a quarter of a century.

A philosopher of tolerance, he was the best loved officer of the Metropolitan department. Many a cub reporter remembers his help, his wit and his stories of the old days.

Mr. English was born in Westmoreland County, Va., near Acorn. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ella M. English; three daughters, Mrs. I.G. Blumer and Miss Catherine English, of Washington, and Mrs. Charles H. Dexter, of Flushing, N.Y.; a son, Theodore W. English of Washington, and several grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at St. Agnes' Episcopal Church, 46 Q street northwest, at 11 o'clock. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

The Evening Star, April 3, 1932, p. 2

Detective Bureau's "Grand Old Man" Dies

Thomas L. English, Too Kind for Policeman Job, Retires in July as Clerk

Thomas L. English, the "Grand Old Man" of the Detective Bureau, died yesterday.

He wore a policeman's uniform 37 years, but he wasn't a policeman at heart – they made him a station clerk at the bureau 20 years ago "because he was too kind and not quite tough enough."

The gray-haired, kindly veteran died suddenly from a heart attack at his home, 28 Bryant street. He was 70 years old and was retired from the force last July.

Thomas L. English was the Detective Bureau's diplomat. For 20 years he stood behind the Police Headquarters' arrest ledger and gave advice to prisoners whose names he wrote next to varied charge.

His record is without a blemish. He was cited by the District Commissioners and several Congressmen for assisting in welfare work of the Board of Guardians. His record shows nothing other than citations.

"Uncle Tom" was appointed to the force in 1894 and worked in six precincts before he became station clerk at the Detective Bureau.

He is survived by his widow, a son and a daughter. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

The Washington Post, April 4, 1932, p. 4

English Rites Tomorrow

Veteran Policeman Will Be Buried in Congressional Cemetery

Thomas L. English, veteran member of the Metropolitan Police Department, who died Saturday at his home, 28 Bryant street northwest, will be buried tomorrow in Congressional Cemetery with members of the Association of Retired Policemen acting as honorary pallbearers.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., from St. Agnes' Episcopal Church, 46 Q street northwest. Mr. English, who served in the department for 36 years is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ella M. English; three daughters, Mrs. I.G. Blumer and Miss Catherine English of Washington and Mrs. Charles H. Dexter, of Flushing, N.Y.; a son, Theodore W. English of Washington, and several grandchildren.