

William H. Fletcher

(18 Jun 1839 – 9 Jun 1931)

Fletcher. On Tuesday, June 9, 1931, at the John Dickson Home, William H. Fletcher. Services at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Alfred C. Fisher, 3843 Garrison street northwest, on Thursday, June 11, at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

Fletcher. A special communication of Benjamin B. French Lodge, No. 15, Thursday, June 11, 1931, at 1 p.m., in lodge room No. 1, New Masonic Temple, Washington, D.C. for the purpose of conducting Masonic burial services for our late brother, William H. Fletcher. By direction of the Worshipful Master. Sidney I. Besselievre, Secretary

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William Fletcher Funeral Is Held

Veteran Capital Merchant Buried in Congressional Cemetery

Funeral services for William H. Fletcher, Confederate veteran, who was engaged in business in Washington for many years, were held this afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alfred C. Fisher, 3843 Garrison street. Members of Benjamin B. French Lodge, No. 15, F.A.A.M., of which he was a member for more than 60 years, conducted special services at his grave in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Fletcher, who died Tuesday at the John Dixon Home, would have been 95 years old had he lived until June 18. Mr. Fletcher came from a well-known Shenandoah Valley family, noted for the longevity of its members. His mother died at the age of 99 years.

Mr. Fletcher served under Gen. Stonewall Jackson throughout the Civil War and came to Washington at the close of the war in 1865. His home had been in Winchester, Pa., until that time. Upon removing to Washington he entered the furniture and carpet business here and retired only 12 years ago.

He was married twice. His first wife, Miss Mary E. Ward, died in 1880, and his second, Mrs. Sarah E. Fletcher, in 1929. He had resided at the John Dickson Home since her death.

Mr. Fletcher was a trustee of the old First Presbyterian Church, later merged with the Church of the Covenant. He had been a consistent attendant of the Church of the Incarnation of late years.

Mr. Fletcher was the grandson of Capt. John Ignatius Effinger of Gen. George Washington's bodyguard during the Revolutionary War. His brother, Lewis J. Fletcher, a captain in the Confederate army, also in Gen. Jackson's command, was killed at the battle of Malvern Hill.

Besides Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. Fletcher is survived by a number of other relatives, both here and in Virginia.