Rudolph Alpheus King

(- 22 Apr 1907)

King. On the morning of April 22, 1907 at his residence, the Alabama apartment and in the 66th year of his age, Rudolph Alpheus King, beloved husband of Bertie W. King and son of the late Z.M.P. and Henrietta L. King. Funeral at 2 o'clock Wednesday, April 24 from St. Andrews Church. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Rudolph A. King Dead

Old Resident of City and Confederate Veteran

Rudolph Alpheus King, for many years a resident of Washington, and formerly engaged in the importing business here, died at the family apartments in the Alabama, 11th and N streets northwest, this morning shortly before 10 o'clock. The immediate cause of death was kidney trouble.

The deceased was engaged in the importing business years ago with his father, Mr. Z.M.P. King, at the corner of 15th and I streets, the storeroom being occupied at the present time as a drug store. He retired from an active business life some years ago, and up until three years ago enjoyed the best of health. He was, however, compelled to take to his bed about three weeks ago, the patient gradually sinking until the end came, as stated.

When the civil war broke out, Mr. King was studying at Hobart College, Geneva, N.Y., and when the news of the firing of the first gun in the war was received he at once left college and hastened to Virginia, where he joined one of the regiments of that state organized to uphold the southern confederacy.

Mr. King was in his 66th year, and, it is stated, was the first man to place coal oil on sale upon the local market. He did this immediately after the civil war when he came to this city to locate. About forty years ago he married Miss Bettie W. Moore of Eastville, Accomac county, Va., who survives him, together with two daughters and three sons--Mrs. Mary L. Turner, Mrs. H.C. Lewis, Dr. W.P.M. King, Z.M.P. King, and R.A. King, Jr.

The funeral will probably be held from St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church, corner 14th and Corcoran streets, Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Dr. George Calvert Carter, rector of St. Andrew's parish, will conduct the services.

The deceased was a member of the Theta Delta Chi college fraternity, of the Confederate Veteran's Association and of the Masonic order. In the latter fraternity Mr. King did not affiliate with the local bodies, but held his membership in Virginia.

It is expected that Rev. Dr. J. Macbryde Sterrett will at the funeral conduct the brief service of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. The interment will be in Congressional cemetery.

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Funeral of Rudolph A. King

The funeral of Rudolph Alpheus King, who died last Monday morning at his apartment in the Alabama in the sixty-sixth year of his age, occurred at 2 o'clock this afternoon, from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. The services were conducted by the rector, Rev. Dr. George Calvert Carter. Interment was made in Congressional cemetery. The pallbearers were members of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity of the George Washington University, of which deceased was a member.