

## William Chesney MacBride

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**MacBride.** On Saturday, May 4, 1929 at 8:50 p.m. at his residence, 1800 Eye street northwest, William C. MacBride, father of Jessie MacBride. Body resting at Gawler's chapel, 1754 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. Announcement of services later.

*The Evening Star, May 5, 1929, p. 6*

### **W.C. MacBride Dies at Age of 84 Years**

#### **Once Picturesque Figure in American Journalism**

#### **Was Ill Several Weeks**

William Chesney MacBride, 84, for many years a picturesque figure in American journalism, and who held many important executive positions in his profession, died at his home, 1800 I street last night, after an illness of week.

Widely known among journalists of the old school, Mr. MacBride had been prominent as a political writer and newspaper executive in this city since 1872, having gained his first experience here on The Star, from 1872 to 1883. For five of these years he also wrote for the Chronicle in Washington and the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Subsequently he became Washington representative for the Cincinnati Enquirer. He held the latter position until 1908.

Later he went to the New York Journal as managing editor, returning to his city when the Journal was sold to William Randolph Hearst.

#### *Was Managing Editor of Post*

When John R. McLean bought the Washington Post. Mr. MacBride was made managing editor of that paper serving for a year.

The many interesting incidents of the political conventions from Grant's time were among his vital reminiscences. He was a schoolmate of another prominent journalist, John Russell Young.

A veteran of the Civil War, Mr. MacBride served three years in the line, after which he was discharged for disability and detailed at the Quartermaster General's Office here. His regiment was the famous 100th Regiment of Pennsylvania.

Mr. MacBride was a native of Philadelphia. Both of his parents were born in this country. His grandfather Thomas MacBride, was from Paisley, Scotland, while his paternal grandmother, Agnes Haddock, was from County Antrim, Ireland. He was married in 1866 to Ellen Virginia Davidson. Mrs. MacBride died in 1918. A daughter, Mrs. Lillian MacBride Clifford, died in 1911.

#### *Daughter Is Journalist*

He is survived by a daughter, Miss Jessie MacBride journalist and music critic.

Funeral arrangements are being completed. Services will be conducted in Gawler's chapel probably Monday it is stated. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.

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### **W.C. MacBride Funeral Services Here Today**

#### **Political Writer and Newspaper Executive**

### **Died at His Home Saturday Night**

Funeral services for William Chesney MacBride, 84 years old, for many years a leading journalist of this city and New York who died at his home 1300 I street Saturday night are being conducted in Gawler's Chapel this afternoon with Rev. Dr. U.G.B. Pierce, pastor of All Soul's Unitarian Church officiating. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. MacBride had been prominent as a political writer and newspaper executive for many years. He began his career here on The Star, serving from 1872 to 1883. He had been managing editor of the New York Journal, served in a similar capacity for the Washington Post and was for years Washington representative for the Cincinnati Enquirer. He was a veteran of the Union Army, in which he served with distinction.

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### **Rites For W.C. MacBride**

#### **Services for Veteran Newspaper Man to be Held Today**

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from Gawler's chapel, on Pennsylvania avenue, for William Chesney MacBride, journalist and political writer in Washington since 1872 and at one time managing editor of The Washington Post, who died Saturday night at his residence, 1800 I street northwest. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. MacBride was managing editor of The Post for one year, in 1908, after John R. McLean bought the paper. Prior to this he was managing editor of the New York Journal. He began his career as political writer for the Washington Star. He later became correspondent for the Cincinnati Enquirer.