

Alexander McKenzie

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McKenzie, Alexander. On Friday, November 3, 1929 at 10:30 p.m. at his residence, 1340 Fairmont street northwest, Alexander McKenzie, beloved husband of Grace McKenzie and father of J.V. McKenzie. Services at the S.H. Hines Co. funeral home, 2901 14th street northwest, Monday, November 11 at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional cemetery.



ALEXANDER McKENZIE.
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Veteran Employee of District Dead

Alexander McKenzie Was One of Oldest Workers in Local Government Service

Alexander McKenzie, 81 years old, head of the arrears division of he District assessor's office and prominent in Masonic circles, died last night at his home, 1340 Fairmont street, after a brief illness. Mr. McKenzie had been an employe of the District government for 60 years. For 15 years he was a deputy auditor and assistant tax assessor until about a year ago.

Born in Baltimore in 1848, he came to this city in 1862.

Mr. McKenzie's service record shows that he was appointed "about July 10, 1868," and served in the District auditor's office until July 1, 1902, when he was transferred to the assessor's office. There was one interval when he left the District service, according to the record, "from about the middle of November, 1870 to the middle of the year 1871."

Either Mr. McKenzie or Dr. William Tyndall was the senior in point of service in the District government, but Dr. Tyndall said today that he could not recall the exact date of his appointment. They were both appointed in the same year, but the records for that period are somewhat vague. Dr. Tyndall says that he believes Mr. McKenzie was probably the senior. Dr. Tyndall was formerly secretary to the Board of Commissioners. He is now in charge of the information bureau.

Mr. McKenzie served as master of St. John's Lodge, No. 11, F.A.A.M., in 1891. Later he transferred his membership to the Temple Noyes Lodge, No. 32.

Mr. McKenzie also was past high priest of Washington Naval Chapter, No. 6, Royal Arch Masons; past grand high priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; past commander of Orient Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templar, and past grand commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars in the District. He also was a member of Almas Temple of he Mystic Shrine.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Grace McKenzie; a son, J.V. McKenzie; a brother, William McKenzie, and a sister, Mrs. Isabel Venable.

Funeral arrangements are to be announced later.

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M'Kenzie Funeral Set For Tomorrow

Veteran Government Employee Will Be Buried in Congressional Cemetery in Afternoon

Funeral services for Alexander McKenzie, 81, head of the arrears division of the District assessor's office, who died at his home Friday night after a brief illness will be held at the Hine funeral home, Fourteenth and Harvard streets, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Rev. Raymond L. Wolven, canon of the Washington Cathedral who was designated as the officiating clergyman by Right Rev. James T. Freeman, Bishop of Washington will conduct the services. Following the rites at the funeral home services will be conducted at the graveside in Congressional Cemetery by the Temple Noyes Masonic Lodge.

Mr. McKenzie died at his home 1340 Fairmount street, Friday night, bringing to a close 60 years of service in the District government. Born in Baltimore, he has been a resident of the Capital since 1862.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Grace McKenzie; a son, J.V. McKenzie, and a sister, Mrs. Isabel Venable.

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Veteran Tax Office Employee Is Buried

Masonic Rites Conducted for Alexander McKenzie, 60 Years in Service

Funeral services for Alexander McKenzie, 81 years old, head of the arrears division. District assessor's office, who died at his home, 1340 Fairmont street, Friday, were conducted at Hines' funeral home, 2901 Fourteenth street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Raymond L. Wolven, canon of the Washington Cathedral officiated. Interment was in Congressional Cemetery, with Masonic rites at the grave by the Temple-Noyes Lodge of Masons, of which Mr. McKenzie was a member.

Mr. McKenzie had been employed in the service of the District Government more than 60 years. After starting in a minor capacity, he was appointed a clerk and subsequently served as deputy auditor and assistant tax assessor, respectively.

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This Is His Birthday

Alexander McKenzie

Great Scot!

With this brief but comprehensive description of Alexander McKenzie it will hardly be necessary to mention that since the cave dwellers of Perthshire first began to inscribe the more entertaining events of local history upon the wishbones of indigent waterfowl there have been but two great Scots worthy of mention -- and William Wallace is dead.

There is no intention of detracting from the fame of the immortal Wallace. From a passing glance at a rusty Claymore he could reproduce the accent of the departed southron who had wielded it in life. But Alexander McKenzie can appraise a fourteen-room dwelling from a casual glance at an isolated brick. But enough of these compliments.

Alexander McKenzie was born right here in Washington sixty years ago today. After plucking all the more desirable flowers of learning from those hardy educational plants the public schools and the George Washington University, he became interested in the organization and management of several business enterprises, among them the Washington Asphalt and Tile Company. He served as deputy auditor of the city from 1884 to 1892, and is a member of the permanent board of assessors of the District of Columbia.

Mr. McKenzie is prominent in Masonic circles.