

## John E. Melson

( – 3 Feb 1896)

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**Melson.** Departed this life at his residence, No. 1501 North Capitol street, at 6:30 p.m., February 3, 1896, John E. Melson, in the 52d year of his age.

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### **Died Suddenly**

John E. Melson, an employee in the water department of the District complained of feeling unwell yesterday, and remained at his home, 1501 North Capitol street, instead of reporting for duty as usual. About 7 p.m. he announced that he intended to retire, and proceeded to his bedroom. When his wife went upstairs, two hours later, she found her husband dead, his demise being due to heart trouble.

The deceased was fifty two years of age. At one time he was a member of the fire department of the District, and later held a position on the police force. He left the latter to go in the water department. Mr. Melson was a member of Lincoln Post, G.A.R., and of Lodge No. 17, Knights of Pythias.