

James Nokes

(- 2 Sep 1875)

Nokes. At his residence, Nokesville, Prince William county, Va., on Thursday afternoon, the second instant, James Nokes, in the sixty-eighth year of his age, a native of Winchester, Virginia, but for forty-five years a resident of this city. His funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon, the fifth instant, at three o'clock, from the residence of his son, No. 509 Second street northwest. The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

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Locals

Mr. James Nokes, an old resident of the eastern section of this city died yesterday at his country residence at Nokesville, Culpeper county, Va. after a long illness.

Forman, Stephen M., A Guide to Civil War Washington, Washington, DC: Elliott & Clark Publishing, 1995. Nokes testified in defense of David Herold, calling him "a light and trifling boy--very little reliability is to be placed in him." According to Nokes, Herold was easily impressed by anyone with whom he associated and who had fascinating qualities. Nokes lived in the Navy Yard section of Washington (the 6th Ward), and knew Davy Herold and his family.

History of the Naval Lodge, No. 4, F.A.A.M.

James Nokes, an employing painter of East Washington, and a progressive citizen, was Worshipful Master in the year 1843. He received his degrees in Naval Lodge, having been initiated Sept. 6, 1828; passed Oct. 4, 1828, and raised Feb. 7, 1829; was Deputy Grand Master in 1841 and 1842. After retirement from business he purchased a property in Virginia, and the town which has since grown up on the side is named "Nokesville," in his memory. His death occurred Sept. 2, 1875.