

John Patterson Pepper

(- 24 Feb 1867)

The Evening Star, Feb. 25, 1867

Death of John P. Pepper

Yesterday morning, Mr. John P. Pepper, who has been long and favorably known to our citizens, died in the 72d year of his age. Mr. Pepper was born in Philadelphia, and came to this city in 1820, when he obtained employment as a marble worker on the Capitol, and subsequently for many years carried on business on Pennsylvania Avenue, at the corner of what is now known as Marble alley. He received the appointment of Superintendent of the Southeast Executive Building, (Treasury Department) which he held throughout the administrations of Presidents Jackson, Van Buren, Harrison, Tyler, and Polk. He was very popular and many years ago was elected to the Board of Common Council and since 1852 he has represented the Fourth Ward in the Council and Board of Aldermen at intervals until June last, when he declined a reelection (mention of his refusal in Evening Star, May 10, 1866). He was a man of great benevolence and in a quiet unostentatious manner often relieved the wants of the poor and afflicted. He has been a prominent member of the order of Odd Fellows for many years and will be buried tomorrow with the honors of the order. Columbia Lodge, Columbia Encampment and the Grand Encampment meet tonight to make arrangements for the funeral.

Washington Evening Star, Feb. 26, 1867

Funeral of Col. Pepper

The funeral of the late Col. John Patterson Pepper took place from his residence, on Pennsylvania Avenue, near ?? Street, and was very largely attended. The coffin was of black walnut, covered with black cloth, richly trimmed, on it was placed a beautiful cross of japonicas and evergreens and the encampment regalia of deceased. There was present a large number of our oldest citizens, including the members of the Oldest Inhabitants, and many members of the Councils. The services were conducted by Rev. R.J. Keeling, of Trinity (Episcopal) Church, after which the remains were borne to the hearse -- Mayor R. Wallach, Z.D. Gilman, Dr. R.F. Hunt, Dr. A. McDavis, P.C.P. Boss, of Columbian Encampment and W.O. O'Meara, of Columbia Lodge, acting as pall bearers -- and the procession proceeded to the Congressional Cemetery, where the remains were interred; Heald's Washington Brass Band, Columbia Lodge, No. 10, Columbian Encampment of Odd Fellows, following the remains to the grave.

The Evening Star, Saturday, September 21, 1867

Letters of administration de bonis non with the will annexed on the estate of the late John P. Pepper, were issued to Wm. B. Webb; bond \$15,000.

The National Intelligencer, September 19, 1853

Opening of Sixth street

Several months since, John P. Pepper, on the part of the Common Council, and Silas H. Hill, on the part of the Board of Aldermen, were appointed to wait upon the President of the United States, for the purpose of obtaining his consent to the opening of Sixth street through the public grounds. No report has yet been made, for the very good reason that the committee have not acted.

The people in the vicinity of this street in the Seventh Ward, and also those who would be accommodated on this side, are anxious to have some action taken in this matter.

The opening of this street, running from the National Hotel to Page's wharf, where one line of the steamboats plying between Washington and Alexandria now land, would be a great convenience and enhance rapidly the value of property on the street, upon which is being erected several new houses, including a Catholic Church. We shall recur to this subject again.