

Frederick Pilling

(2 Feb 1818 – 13 Jan 1903)

Pilling. On the morning of January 13, 1903 at 8 o'clock, Frederick Pilling in the 85th year of his age. Funeral service will be held at his late residence, 914 I street northwest on Friday, January 16 at 2 o'clock p.m. Interment private. Please omit flowers.



FREDERICK PILLING

The Evening Star, January 13, 1903

Old Resident Dead

Frederick Pilling Passes Away at Age of 85

Native of Yorkshire, England, but Came to This Country in His Youth

Frederick Pilling, one of the oldest and most highly respected residents of Washington, died at 8 o'clock this morning at his residence, 914 I street northwest, at the age of 85 years, after an illness of about three months. The funeral services will be held at his late residence Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor of New York Avenue Church officiating. The interment will be made in Congressional cemetery. The pallbearers will be selected from among the intimate friends of Mr. Pilling, who have been associated with him for many years.

Frederick Pilling was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1818, and came to this country with his parents in 1825. The family settled in Washington, where the father engaged in the leather business and conducted an establishment for many years. As a boy Mr. Pilling attended the public schools of this city, and when about eighteen years of age he returned to England, where he was in the employ of his brother, who conducted a large cloth manufactory. Frederick attended school in Paris for two years and after a residence in England covering a period of about seven years he returned to Washington.

Mr. Pilling opened up a ladies' and gentlemen's furnishing establishment next to the corner of 11th street and Pennsylvania avenue, in a building which occupied the lot now covered by The Evening Star building. He conducted this business for about thirty years, during a large portion of which period he was treasurer of the Great Falls Ice Company. This latter position he held until the transfer of the company to the American Ice Company.

Retires From Business

Mr. Pilling retired from active business about twenty years ago. He was married to a Miss McAllister of Maryland about forty years ago. During almost the entire period of Mr. Pilling's residence in this city he was a prominent member of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, holding the position of trustee of that church for many years. His life was especially marked for his charitable acts, and he was regarded as a man of kindly disposition, to whom a deserving appeal for assistance was never addressed without favorable response. Only last week The Star received a check from Mr. Pilling for the assistance of the needy of Washington. He was interested in the development of the city and its interests, and contributed of his time and means to many worthy causes. His many qualities as a man and citizen won for him a large number of friends, who held him in high esteem.

Mr. Pilling's wife and two nephews--Messrs. Frederick and J.W. Pilling, both of whom reside in Washington--and several nieces, who also live in Washington, survive him. Mr. Pilling was the last member of a family of fourteen children.