

## John Bennett Prout

(1846 – 5 Jan 1913)

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**Prout.** On Sunday, January 5, 1913 at 7:25 p.m., John B. Prout, beloved father of Mrs. Frank B. Gilmore. Funeral from Ryland M.E. Church, 10th and D street southwest, Wednesday, January 8 at 2 o'clock. Interment at Congressional cemetery.

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### **Funeral of J.B. Prout**

#### **Former Confederate Soldier and Masonic Veteran**

#### **Buried in Congressional Cemetery**

The body of John B. Prout, a resident of Washington for more than 40 years, who died Sunday at his home, 605 6th street southwest, was buried this afternoon in Congressional Cemetery. Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock at Ryland M.E. Church, conducted by Rev. C.H. Gallaher, pastor of the church; Rev. Dr. W.E. Wedderspoon of Foundry M.E. Church, Rev. Dr. A.J. Gill of Aberdeen, Md. The pallbearers were Charles Schafer, John Webster, J.B. May, Henry Bright, William Self and J. Murray.

Mr. Prout during the civil war was a member of Mosby's Rangers, having enlisted at the age of 16 years. He was taken a prisoner at Upperville, Va., November 1863, having been betrayed, along with ten comrades, by a former ranger, who had been court-martialed, but who had escaped to the Union lines.

#### *Pardoned by President Lincoln*

Mr. Prout and his comrades were brought to this city and placed in the old Capitol prison. He was afterward taken to Point Lookout, Md., but was again brought back to this city. While in prison his father died at Falls Church, Va., leaving his mother with several children to support. His mother appealed to President Lincoln, who pardoned her son because of his youth.

Following his release he attempted to get work in Washington, but as it was generally known he was a pardoned "Mosby guerilla," he was unsuccessful. He then went to Baltimore, where he obtained employment as an apprentice in a machine shop. He afterward became a machinist foreman on the Baltimore and Potomac railroad, a position which he kept until he entered the wholesale and retail grocery business in this city more than 25 years ago.

#### *Member of Masonic Order*

Mr. Prout was a life member of Harmony Lodge, No. 17, F.A.A.M.; a member of Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons, and of De Molay Mounted Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar; also of Columbia Lodge of Machinists. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Frank B. Gilmore.

Co. A, 43rd Virginia Calvary, CSA.