

John R. Purcell

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Anacostia Affairs

John R. Purcell, a life long resident of the District, died shortly after 7 o'clock last evening at his residence, 117 Jefferson street, Anacostia, aged 54 years. Mr. Purcell had resided in Anacostia for the past seventeen years. He was born in Georgetown. He enlisted toward the close of the civil war as a member of the 2d District Volunteers and served in Company I. Recently an operation was performed upon Mr. Purcell at the Episcopal Eye and Ear Hospital, and for a short time he grew better. His mother, wife and three grown children survive him. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Anacostia Methodist Church. Interment will be at Congressional cemetery.

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Funeral of John R. Purcell

The funeral of John R. Purcell, who died Thursday evening at his residence on Jefferson street, at the age of 54 years, was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, from the Anacostia Methodist Episcopal Church, corner of Jackson and Pierce streets, and was largely attended. The services were conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. Charles O. Isaac. The pallbearers were Robert Walker of Falls Church, Va., and James Taylor, George F. Pyles, George W. King, sr., John W. Barse and Benoni Milstead of Anacostia. The interment was at Congressional cemetery.