Philip Smith

(-19 Apr 1909)

Smith. Suddenly on Monday, April 19, 1909 at 3:30 p.m., Philip Smith, beloved husband of Mary V. Smith (nee Thompson) in his 60th year. Funeral from his late residence, 235 Lenworth place southwest, Wednesday, April 21 at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

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Due to Paralytic Stroke
Death of Philip Smith, Long Resident of the City
Contracting Stone Cutter on Many Important Buildings
Funeral Tomorrow Afternoon

Philip Smith of 235 Linworth place southwest, for many years a resident of the National capital, and for nearly a quarter of a century a prominent stone contractor, died yesterday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock of paralysis. He was sixty years old.

Mr. Smith was active in his business until about three weeks ago. He suffered a first stroke of paralysis March 23, and was not able to rally from the effects of it. He declined rapidly, until the end came yesterday afternoon.

Funeral services will be held at his late home tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, and the interment will be in Congressional Cemetery. Lodges of the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows, of which the late contractor was a member, will be in charge of the last rites.

Mr. Smith was a native of London, England, but came to this country at an early age and first worked at the stone cutter's trade in Cincinnati. Later he came to this city and worked on many of the public buildings and fine dwellings. He did considerable work on the Washington Monument and he cut off the carvings over the entrance to the monument to make it a plain shave over its entire surface.

During the past twenty-three years he was engaged in the cut stone business for himself, his yards being located at 1st and B streets southwest, in the shadow of the Capitol. He was the owner of considerable real estate in the southwest section of the city and was a stockholder in the Brightwood Park property.

Mr. Smith was an active churchman, and was long connected as vestryman with Epiphany Chapel, a mission of Epiphany Church. He was also identified with the Jonadabs.