

## Francis A. Springer

(3 Nov 1839 – 10 Oct 1911)

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**Springer.** Suddenly on October 10, 1911 at 7 p.m. at Garfield Hospital, Francis Asbury Springer in the 72d year of his age. Funeral services at McKendree M.E. Church, Thursday, October 12 at 2 p.m.

**Springer.** A special communication of Acacia Lodge No. 18, F.A.A.M. is called for 1 'clock tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon to attend the funeral of Brother Francis A. Springer from McKendree M.E. Church, Massachusetts ave. between 9 and 10 streets n.w.

D.M. Carter, Master

H.H. Burroughs, Secy.

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### **Francis A. Springer To Be Buried Tomorrow**

#### **Services at McKendree Church, With Masonic Rites at the Grave**

Funeral services for Francis Ashbury Springer, well known as an educator in Washington, who died at the age of seventy-two years yesterday evening shortly before 7 o'clock at Garfield Hospital, after an illness of one day, of abdominal trouble, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at McKendree M.E. Church with Rev. Edgar Cordell Powers, pastor of Brookland M.E. Church, of which Mr. Springer was a member, officiating Rev. John Reid Shannon, pastor of the Metropolitan M.E. Church; Rev. E.T. Mowbray, pastor of McKendree M.E. Church; Rev. W.A. Hagerty, pastor of Petworth M.E. Church, and Rev. A.H. Thompson of Waugh M.E. Church, will assist.

Masonic rites will be performed at the grave in Congressional cemetery.

### *Native of Maine*

Mr. Springer was born in Portland, Me., November 3, 1839. He prepared for college at Hallowell Academy, Hallowell, Me., and at Maine Wesleyan Seminary, Kent's Hill, Me. He entered Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., and after a year there transferred his connection to the Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., of which institution he was graduated with a degree of A.M. He was a member of the faculty of Rock River Seminary, Mount Morris, Ill., for some time as professor of Latin and Greek. He came to Washington in 1861, and became principal of the West End English, Classical and Mathematical Academy, and later supervising principal of one of the divisions of the Washington public schools and principal of the night high school. He was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity.

Prof. Springer was particularly well known for his work as private tutor, preparing candidates for college and for the Naval and Military academies. He was a recognized authority on the Spanish language and also conversed in many others.

### *Had Many Affiliations*

Mr. Springer was for many years associated with the Y.M.C.A., and he was an honorary member of the Washington District Preachers Meeting, being the only local minister not actively engaged in pastoral duties accorded this honor. At the time of his death he was dean of the Intercontinental Correspondence University. He also was a member of the Brookland M.E. Church quarterly conference and was past master of Acacia Lodge, No. 18, F.A.A.M.

In 1865 Mr. Springer married Miss Anna Virginia Bates, daughter of the late Robert W. Bates of this city. He numbered Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson among his personal friends.

Prof. Springer, as he was known, is survived by one daughter, Mrs. J. Martin Proctor, and four sons, Charles A. William E., Edward L. and Francis A. Springer. Mr. Springer had made his home with his sons at 3026 18th street northwest since the death of his wife five years ago.