

Charles H. Venable

(- 20 Dec 1909)

Venable. On Monday, December 20, 1909 at 2:25 p.m., Charles H. Venable in the 79th year of his age. Funeral from E.L. Boteler's undertaking parlors, 635 Pennsylvania ave. southeast, Wednesday, the 22nd inst. at 2 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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District's Oldest Mason

Record of Charles H. Venable, Who Died Yesterday

With Masonic honors funeral services over the remains of Charles H. Venable will be held at Boteler's chapel, 639 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Rev. Arthur S. Johns, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, will officiate, and ceremonies at the grave in Congressional cemetery will be conducted by Naval Lodge, of which Mr. Venable had been an active member for sixty-seven years.

According to the records at Masonic Temple Mr. Venable was not only the oldest Mason in the District, but he was also the oldest member of the Grand Lodge. He was made a master Mason in Naval Lodge November 7, 1842, and became master of that lodge in 1849. He was ninety years of age.

His death occurred at his home, No. 706 Virginia avenue southeast, yesterday afternoon after an illness of two weeks due to his advancing years. For many years Mr. Venable was employed at the Washington navy yard, but retired from active service about ten years ago. He was a member of Washington Commandery, Knights Templar, and a vestryman of Christ Church for many years.

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With Masonic Honors

Funeral Services Over Remains of Charles H. Venable

Funeral services for Charles H. Venable, the oldest member of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the District of Columbia and the oldest affiliated member of the fraternity in the District, were held at Boteler's undertaking establishment, 639 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. Arthur S. Johns, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, officiated. The interment was in Congressional cemetery, where Masonic funeral rites were performed by Naval Lodge, No. 4, F.A.A.M., J. Frank Campbell, worshipful master. Many members of the Naval Lodge, Washington Naval Royal Arch Chapter, No. 6, and Washington Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, of which the deceased was a member, as well as members of the Grand Lodge, were in attendance.