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Babson, Bertha M.	d. 8 Jun 1889	14 yrs. 10 mo.	R23/216
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Babson. On Friday, June 7, 1889 at 5 a.m. of endocarditis, Bertha Belle youngest daughter of J.W. and E.A. Babson, aged 14 years 10 months.

Babson, Berwyn	d. 1 Jan 1885	5 yrs. 5 mo.	R23/215
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Babson. On Thursday, January 1, 1885 at 3 o'clock a.m. of diphtheria, Berwyn youngest son of J.W. and E.A. Babson aged 5 years 5 months. Safe in the arms of Jesus. Funeral private.

Babson, Don Hamlin	d. 26 Dec 1873	2 yrs. 11 mo. 7 days	R23/214
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Babson. On the 26th instant, Don Hamlin, son of J.W. and E.A. Babson, aged 2 years, 11 months and 7 days. Funeral at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the residence of his parents, 106 11th street southeast, Philadelphia Row.

Babson, Elizabeth Ann	d. 17 Mar 1907	69 yrs.	R23/213
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Babson. On Sunday, March 17, 1907 at 7:15 a.m. Elizabeth Ann widow of the late John W. Babson, aged 69 years. Funeral services at her late residence 130 11th street southeast Tuesday afternoon, March 19, at 4 o'clock. Interment private.

Babson, James A.	b. 1847 – d. 23 Feb 1892	44 yrs.	R89/366
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Babson. On Tuesday, February 23, 1892 at 5:30 p.m., James A. Babson, aged 44 years. Funeral from his late residence, 109 10th street southeast on Thursday at 4:30 p.m. Interment private.

Babson, John Walker	b. 1835 – d. 1 Mar 1906	69 yrs.	R23/213
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Babson. On Thursday, March 1, 1906 John W. Babson aged 70 years. Funeral from his late residence 108 11th street southeast Saturday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. Interment private (Maine papers please copy)

The Evening Star, March 3, 1906

J.W. Babson's Funeral. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery

Deceased Engaged Extensively in Charitable Work -- Came to This City in 1861

The funeral of the late John Walker Babson will be held at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon at the Babson home, 108 11th street southeast. The services will be conducted at the house by Rev. John Chester of the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, and the interment is to be in Congressional cemetery. The pallbearers will be Mr. Chapman, principal examiner of the patent office; Mr. Amos Hadley, chief of the stationery division of the patent office; Messrs. Davis and Rust, clerks in the division over which Mr. Babson president; Gen. Ellis Spear and Mr. Y.C. Slater.



MR. JOHN WALKER BABSON

A number of floral remembrances were received today from friends and the several organizations with which Mr. Babson was connected. These include the Masonic fraternity, the Oldest Inhabitants' Association, Geographic Society, East Washington Citizens' Association, of which he was president

for five years; the Board of Trade of which he was one of the directors; the Sons and Daughters of Maine, the Anthropological Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Eastern Dispensary and Casualty Hospital, of which he was a director and chairman of the committee on supplies.

Mr. Babson's wife, formerly Miss Eliza A. Tibbetts of Brookfield, Me., the birthplace of deceased; a daughter by his first wife, Mrs. William R. French, and a son by his last wife, Mr. John W. Babson, jr., survive him.

Originator of Patent Centennial

Mr. Babson was one of the originators of the Patent Centennial; was the chairman of the committee on scope of the general committee on the celebration of the anniversary of the laying of the corner stone of the Capitol in 1893; was treasurer of the Admiral Dewey reception committee in 1900 and always took a leading part in all movements for the upbuilding of the national capital.

He engaged extensively in charitable work "under cover," as one of his friends expressed it today. That is, he did not believe in letting his left hand know what his right hand was doing in this sort of effort for the amelioration of human suffering. In consequence, he always substituted the name of his wife for his own, and Mrs. Babson, therefore, appears as a member of the Associated Charities, the Central Relief committee and the board of Children's Guardians, of which she is secretary.

Special meetings of the East Washington Citizens' Association and of the Oldest Inhabitants have been called for the purpose of adopting resolutions of regret and taking suitable action on the death. Delegations from these and other societies of which deceased was a member, will also attend the funeral this afternoon.

Secretary to Vice President

John Walker Babson came to this city in 1861 as secretary to Vice President Hamlin, and while serving in that capacity enjoyed a personal acquaintance with President Lincoln and other great figures in the civil war. He became chief of the finance division of the pension office in 1866, being afterward promoted to be deputy commissioner of pensions. In 1878 he was transferred to the patent office and placed in charge of the Official Gazette. The Gazette and issue divisions were consolidated in 1880, and Mr. Babson was placed in charge of the combined bureau. Since that time the Official Gazette has been continuously under his charge. When he first assumed control of the issuance of the Gazette that publication comprised about seventy-two pages. It now runs over 300 pages.

Mr. Babson was born at Brookville, Hancock county, Me., August 15, 1835, and always retained a fond love for his old home state, having been identified with every movement of the sons and daughters of Maine which has taken place here. His first public office was as postmaster at his birthplace. He gave up this place to come to Washington as Mr. Hamlin's secretary, the Vice President having great confidence in the then young and sturdy son of the state mentioned.

The History of Washington City, Its Men and Institutions

Hon. John Walker Babson, descended from an old and influential Puritan family, has been identified with the official life and public affairs of Washington since 1861, when he left his native State of Maine, and from that time until the present has uninterruptedly held important posts in the Government service, his present position being that of a chief of division in the United States Patent Office. Mr. Babson was born at Brooksville, Maine, on August 15, 1835, and is a son of Samuel Brown and Nancy Tapley Babson, both of whom died at a ripe old age. The advent of the ancestors of Mr. Babson to this country is somewhat unique. In a party of emigrants which left England in 1632 were James Babson, his wife, Isabel, and their son James, two years old. While en voyage the father died. The widow, a woman of courage and ability, proceeded to Salem, Massachusetts, and thence to Cape Ann, where a lot was apportioned to "the widow Isabel and her son James." This lot, through which now passes Front street, Cape Ann, remained in the possession of the Babson family for upwards of 150 years. From the infant James have descended all the Babson's now in this country. A great-grandson, James Babson, who died October 10, 1790, was a captain of privateers in the Revolutionary War, and still another, who died December 30, 1831, was engaged in privateering during the War of 1812. John W. Babson, the subject of this sketch, is the seventh in lineal descent from the widow Isabel. Mr. Babson was educated in the Maine public schools, and Bluehill Academy, and finally at the Maine Wesleyan College at Redfield. Mr. Babson taught for a time at the latter institution, as well as in the public schools.

Early in life Mr. Babson manifested a keen interest in politics, and on his twenty-first birthday was elected chairman of the Republican town committee of his native town, and has participated in

every campaign since then. He was president of the stormiest Republican convention ever held in Hancock county. In the Fremont campaign in 1856, when accompanying Hon. Hanibal Hamlin, afterwards Vice-President, an incident occurred by which the latter's life was endangered. A friendship then started between the two which remained unbroken until Mr. Hamlin's death. When the Lincoln administration began in 1861, Mr. Babson was made postmaster of his native town, but resigned the same year to come to Washington with Vice-President Hamlin, and remained with him until the expiration of his term in 1865, and continued an officer of the United States Senate, where he remained until February, 1866, resigning to accept an appointment tendered him by Secretary of the Interior James Harlan, in the Pension Bureau. Here he soon reached the position of chief of a division, which he held for some years. Mr. Babson was commissioned by President Grant Deputy Commissioner of Pensions on December 21, 1875. This post he resigned in February, 1877, to enter the more inviting Bureau of Patents, where in 1878 he assumed charge of the publication of the "Official Gazette," then a comparatively small weekly, which under his capable management, has expanded to its present imposing proportions. In 1880 the Issue division was absorbed by the Gazette division and it has since become known as the Issue and Gazette division, of which Mr. Babson is the chief.

In the affairs of the District he has always taken an active interest. He was one of the originators of the East Washington Citizens' Association -- the oldest organization of its character in the District, permanently organized in 1871, and in active existence since that date. He was its president for five years, voluntarily retiring, but has ever since continued a member of its executive committee. He was a member of the Old Citizens' Committee of One Hundred, and chairman of its committee appointed for the purpose of securing the selection of this city as the location of the World's Exposition of 1893, and made an exhaustive and vigorous report in its favor, which was commended by the public press. The initiative of the movement for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the National Capitol on September 18, 1893, was taken by the East Washington Citizens' Association at its monthly meeting May 5, 1893. An elaborate report made by Mr. Babson, then its president, resulted in a delegation waiting upon the District Commissioners, the calling of a public meeting, and the appointment of a general committee, of which Mr. Babson was one. He was also chairman of the committee on scope. Mr. Babson was also one of the promoters of the "Patent Centennial," held in this city April 8, 9 and 10, 1891, chairman of its central committee and a member of its executive committee. He was appointed by the Commissioners of the District on June 1, 1899, a member of the committee of one hundred to make suitable and timely preparations for Washington's welcome to Admiral Dewey, upon his return from Manila, and was selected as a member of its executive committee, and elected and served as its treasurer. Mr. Babson was a member of the special escort committee, who met Admiral Dewey at New York with a palatial railroad train on October 3, 1899. He is a member of the Board of Trade, and chairman of its committee on public library. He has now entered upon his second (three years) term as one of the directors of the Board of Trade.

Mr. Babson has twice married. His first wife was Louise A. Tibbetts of Brookline, Maine, to whom he was married on November 5, 1855, and who died in this city, October 2, 1863. By this marriage there were three children. His second wife was Eliza A. Tibbetts, a cousin of his former wife, to whom he was married in Boston, Mass., September 1, 1868. Mrs. Babson has vied with her husband in active interest in the affairs of the city and has become well known in charity work. She is a member of the Board of Children's Guardians, a member of the Citizen's Relief Committee, appointed by the District Commissioners, and a veteran in the work of the Associated Charities, of the board of managers of which she has for many years been an active member. She is a member of the Church of the Reformation, and prominent in the ladies' work of that church. By this marriage there have been five children.

While for over forty years a resident of this city, and an owner of property here, Mr. Babson has retained the ownership of the old family homestead in his native town, in Maine, where his family spend their summers and he his vacation, and where he has uninterruptedly retained the right of suffrage.

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Babson, Mary M. b. 1853 – d. 7 Jul 1944 91 yrs. **R89/365**

Babson. On Friday, July 7, 1944 at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, Mary M. Babson, mother of Ruth I. Mulray, Helen P. Ridgeway and Oliver E. Patterson of California. Services at the S.H. Hines Company funeral home, 2901 14th street northwest on Monday, July 10 at 10 a.m. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

Babson, Rosa M. d. 8 Mar 1904 34 yrs. **R23/215**

Babson. Rosa Myrtle Babson, 1804 A street southeast, 34 years.

The Evening Star, Wednesday, March 9, 1904

Dies at Post of Duty

Miss Babson Expires While on Charitable Mission

Funeral Services to be Held Tomorrow Afternoon at Residence of Her Parents

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock over the remains of the late Miss Rosa Myrtle Babson, one of Washington's best-known charity workers, who died suddenly yesterday, as stated in The Star, while carrying on her work among the poor. Rev. George E. Maydwell, pastor of Waugh Methodist Episcopal Church, where Miss Babson had worshiped for nearly twenty years, and Rev. Dr. W. E. Parson of the Church of the Reformation, her mother's place of worship, will conduct the services, which will be held at the family residence, 108 13th street southeast. The pallbearers will be Radesford French, Morrison French, Milton Tibbetts and Edward Halley.

Miss Babson was exhausted, it is thought, by her work among the poor, and was taken ill at 18th and A streets southeast about noon yesterday, dying a few minutes after being carried to a nearby dwelling. Dr. Charles V. Pettys who was attending a patient a few doors distant, was summoned, but by the time he reached Miss Babson life was extinct. He gave a certificate of death from valvular heart trouble. Miss Babson practically devoted her life to charitable work, being a constant attendant on the poor. She was one of the volunteer agents of the Associated Charities and was in charge of a system of savings collections in East Washington. It was while making collections for this purpose that she became ill.

For some time she had not been in the best of health. Several boys saw her fall and aided in carrying her into the house named. The body was removed to her home yesterday afternoon.

Miss Babson was thirty-five years of age, the daughter of Mr. John W. Babson, chief of the issue division of the patent offices, one of the directors of the Board of Trade and a prominent citizen of East Washington. She was a sister of Mrs. William B. French of East Capitol street. Mrs. Babson, her mother, is a member of the board of managers of the Associated Charities and secretary of the board of children's guardians. Her brother, J.W. Babson, and Mrs. French are the only surviving children of a family of eight.

Miss Babson was also prominently connected with the Maine Association of this city. Never of a strong constitution, she was nevertheless always ready and willing to do something for the pleasure and comfort of others. Four months of each year she spent in her native town on the coast of Maine, where she prosecuted her work along charitable lines, as she did in this city. Her love for little children was especially strong, and many hearts were gladdened by her kind words and deeds.

Miss Babson's death was announced at a meeting of the Associated Charities yesterday afternoon, and the expressions of regret and sympathy for her relatives were unanimous and sincere. Resolutions to the above effect were adopted and forwarded to the family.