

Name	Birth/Death	Age	Range/Site
<b>Bowen, Abram O.</b>	d. 15 Jan 1887		<b>R84/319</b>
Bowen. After a short illness at the residence of his sister, 319 4th street southeast at 11 a.m., January 15, 1887, Abram O. Bowen late of Gadsden, Ala. His friends are requested to attend the funeral from his late residence at 10 a.m., Tuesday the 18th inst. Funeral service at Christ Church, G between 6th and 7th street southeast (Gadsden papers please copy).			
<b>Bowen, Ann</b>	d. 21 Feb 1837	45 yrs.	<b>R137/201</b>
Bowen. Early yesterday morning after a lingering illness of 12 months, Ann Bowen, wife of Mr. James Bowen, a constable of the county of Washington, aged 45 years, leaving a husband and 5 children to lament their afflictive bereavement. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of her late husband on 6th street near the Unitarian church.			
Married: James Bowen and Miss Ann Cook, Sept. 7, 1813 by Rev. Mr. Breckenridge.			
<b>Bowen, Ann Jennet</b>	d. 24 Aug 1850	7 yrs. 1 mo. 20 days	<b>R39/89</b>
Bowen. On the 24th instant, Ann Jennet, only child of Sayles J. and Mary Bowen, of this city at the age of 7 years 1 month and 20 days.			
<b>Bowen, George Peyton</b>	d. 23 Dec 1851	2 yrs.	<b>R32/32</b>
Bowen. On the morning of the 23d instant, George Peyton, son of Leonidas and Mary Bowen in the 3d year of his age. His funeral will take place tomorrow (Thursday) at 2 o'clock to which the friends of the family are invited to attend.			
<b>Bowen, Hattie Barker</b>	d. 1 Oct 1860	5 yrs. 7 mos.	<b>R84/104</b>
Bowen. At the residence of her parents, in this county, on Monday, the 1st instant, Hattie Barker, only child of Sayles J. and Mary Bowen, aged 5 years and 7 months.			
<b>Bowen, Henry</b>	d. 26 Oct 1889	75 yrs.	<b>R87/213</b>
Bowen. On Saturday, October 26, 1889, at 4 o'clock, Henry O. Bowen, aged 75 years. Funeral from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Eva Walter, 1008 New Jersey avenue southeast, Tuesday at 8:30 a.m., thence to St. Peter's chapel.			
<b>Bowen, James</b>	d. 27 Aug 1838	48 yrs.	<b>R137/201</b>
Bowen. On Saturday the 25th instant, aged 48 after a protracted and lingering illness, Mr. James Bowen, of this city, for many years a county constable.			
<b>Bowen, James E.M.</b>	d. 5 Sep 1900	51 yrs. 5 mos. 26 days	<b>R109/206</b>
Bowen. At 442 M street northwest, Wednesday, September 5, 1900 at 5 a.m., J.E.M. Bowen, formerly of this city but late of New York city. Funeral on Friday, September 7 at 4 p.m. from above residence. Interment Congressional cemetery. Kindly omit flowers.			
<b>Bowen, John Rumsey Lincoln</b>	d. 26 Apr 1912	1 yr. 1 mos.	<b>R50/276</b>
Bowen. On Friday, April 26, 1912, John Rumsey Lincoln, infant son of John R. and Mary E. Bowen, aged 13 months. Funeral from his parents residence, 620 A street s.e. at 3:30, Monday, April 29.			
<b>Bowen, Johnson W.</b>	d. 20 Oct 1904		<b>R154/223</b>
Bowen. On Thursday, October 20, 1904 at 3:10 p.m. at his residence near Takoma Park, D.C., Johnson W. Bowen, husband of Almeda Bowen and father of Mrs. Eva R. Gates. Funeral from his late residence, Saturday, October 22 at 10 a.m. Burial at Congressional Cemetery.			
<b>Bowen, Joseph O.D.</b>	d. 10 May 1868	52 yrs.	<b>R85/299</b>
Bowen. On the 10th instant after long suffering, Joseph O'D. Bowen, in the 53d year of his age.			
<i>The Evening Star, May 13, 1868</i>			
<i>Funeral</i>			
The funeral of the late J. O'D. Bowen took place yesterday afternoon from his residence on 3d street east. The religious services were conducted by Rev. George V. Leech, of the East Washington Church, and the remains were followed to the Congressional Cemetery by a large number of friends, delegations from Central Lodge, No. 1, and Mount Nebo Encampment, No. 6, of Odd Fellows; P.G.M. Jackson Edmonston conducting the funeral services of the order at the grave.			

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<b>Bowen, Leonidas</b>	d. 10 Dec 1859	37 yrs.	<b>R32/31</b>
Bowen. This morning at 4 1/2 o'clock, Leonidas Bowen in the 38th year of his age. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence, Virginia ave. between 4 1/2 and 6th sts. without further notice.			
<b>Bowen, Mrs. M.</b>	d. 18 Sep 1864	50 yrs.	<b>R32/30</b>
Bowen. On Sunday morning, the 18th instant, Mrs. M. Bowen, relict of Thos. Bowen, in the 51st year of her age. Her funeral will take place from the residence of her son-in-law, Wm. T. Duvall, No. 379 3d street, between D and E on Tuesday morning, at 11 o'clock. The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend.			
<b>Bowen, Marianna</b>	d. 3 Jan 1884		<b>R85/306</b>
Bowen. On Thursday, January 3d, 1884, after a short illness of typhoid pneumonia, at her residence, No. 513 Eleventh street southwest, Mary A. Bowen, wife of the late Leonidas Bowen. Funeral will take place at the Tabernacle, 9th street near B southwest, Sunday, January 6, 1884, at 2 o'clock p.m. Relatives and friends respectfully invited.			
<b>Bowen, Mary</b>	d. 2 Jun 1882	67 yrs.	<b>R84/103</b>
Bowen. At her residence, No. 1411 K street northwest, Mrs. Mary Bowen, wife of Sayles J. Bowen, aged 67 years. Funeral will take place at the residence on Sunday, the 4th inst., at 2 o'clock p.m. Friends are invited to attend without further notice.			
<i>The Evening Star, June 3, 1882</i>			
<i>Locals</i>			
Mrs. Mary Bowen, wife of ex-Mayor Sayles J. Bowen, died yesterday at her residence on K street in her 67th year. She had been ill for a long time. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 2 o'clock.			
<b>Bowen, Mary Elizabeth</b>	d. 26 Mar 1894		<b>R89/339</b>
Bowen. On Monday, February 26, 1894, at 10:54 o'clock p.m., Mrs. Salone Bowen, wife of Geo. D. Bowen and daughter of Jackson H. Pumphrey. Funeral from the residence of her sister, Mrs. F. Brumagim, 212 4th street southeast, Thursday at 3 o'clock p.m.			
<b>Bowen, Rosa B.</b>	d. 30 Oct 1892		<b>R37/232</b>
Bowen. Mrs. Rosa B. Bowen, beloved wife of Dr. Charles H. Bowen, departed this life October 30, 1892 at 2 p.m. Funeral will take place from the Church of Ascension, corner 12th street and Massachusetts avenue northwest, at 2 p.m., Wednesday, November 2. Friends and relatives invited to attend.			
<b>Bowen, Sayles J.</b>	d. 16 Dec 1896	84 yrs.	<b>R84/102</b>
Bowen. On Wednesday, December 16, 1896, Sayles J. Bowen in his 84th year. Funeral service at his residence 3055 Q street northwest, Friday, December 18 at 2 p.m.			
<i>The Evening Star, December 17, 1896</i>			
<i>Sayles J. Bowen Dead</i>			
<i>Once Mayor of Washington--The Funeral Tomorrow</i>			
Sayles J. Bowen died yesterday afternoon at his residence, 3055 Q street after a long illness. He was conscious up to the last, although he had lost the power of speech. His wife and Miss Bently, a step-daughter, were at the bedside of the dying man. Funeral services will be held at the residence tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Byron Sunderland will officiate, and the interment will be at Congressional cemetery.			
Mr. Bowen was born in Scipio, Cayuga county, N.Y., October 7, 1813. He was educated in the common schools and taught school for several years, working on his father's farm in the summer. In 1838 he engaged in the mercantile pursuits and seven years later he removed his residence to this city, having secured a clerkship in the Treasury Department. In 1848 he resigned and engaged in the claims business. In 1861 he was appointed a police commissioner of the District, and after holding this place for a few months he resigned and became disbursing clerk of the Senate. In 1862 he was made collector of internal revenue for the District and in the following year he was appointed postmaster of this city, a position he held for five years. In 1868, he was elected mayor of the city, and upon the expiration of his term was a candidate for re-election, but was defeated by what was known at the good citizens' movement, which resulted in the choice of Mr. Matthew G. Emery. He had a great deal of influence with the colored people of the District, who gave him their support in the local political contests.			

The following have been selected as pallbearers, A.A. Birney, A.M. Gangewer, Chief Engineer E.D. Roble, U.S.N.; Z. Moses, Appleton P. Clark and James E. Bell.

\*\*Madison Davis, "A History of the City Post Office," Columbia Historical Society, Vol. 6 (May 12, 1902), pp. 143 - ???

Upon the resignation of Lewis Clephane as postmaster, Sayles J. Bowen, who had been a resident of Washington for about eighteen years, succeeded him, the date of the appointment being March 16, 1863. He was born in the township of Scipio, Cayuga County, New York, October 7, 1813, and died in Washington City, December 16, 1896, in his eighty-fourth year. His parents were from Massachusetts, and were among the first settlers in Cayuga County. He assisted his father in the labors of the farm, received a good education in Aurora Academy, and taught school from the age of seventeen during the winter months. From 1838 until 1842 he was engaged in mercantile pursuits, after which he removed south, and in 1845, during the administration of James K. Polk, he was appointed to a clerkship in the Treasury Department. From this place he was removed in 1848 when he went into business of prosecuting claims against the government, in which he was unusually successful. From 1856 to 1860 he was in politics, supporting the Republican party, and on the election of Abraham Lincoln was taken into his confidence. In 1861 he was appointed commissioner of police for the District of Columbia – a place then of great responsibility – and in the same year was made disbursing officer of the Senate. In 1862 he became collector of internal revenue for the district, and he held this post until March 16, 1863, when, as above stated, he received the appointment of postmaster. During the war all the mails for the Army of the Potomac originated at or were distributed through the Washington office, increasing enormously its duties and responsibilities; yet during Mr. Bowen's administration everything was done by him efficiently and faithfully, and to the satisfaction of the government and the public. He remained postmaster until July, 1868, when he resigned, to become the major of Washington, to which office he had been elected by popular vote.

In 1870, running again for the office of mayor, he was defeated, after which he ceased to hold any public place of prominence. In his extreme old age, he was somewhat straitened in his means, so much so that he was compelled to seek an humble situation in the department where he had first become publicly known. He was a great friend of the colored people, advocating the establishment of schools for their education, and spending \$20,000 of his own money for their support. He was also the friend of the poor and unfortunate of all races, and aided them in every way possible. Mr. Bowen was a man of temperate and excellent habits, true in his friendships, and faithful to duty. In the several positions held by him he disbursed many millions of government money, yet not a dollar was misappropriated, or failed of being legally and justly accounted for. In religion he was a Unitarian. He was married July 2, 1835, to Miss Mary Barker, daughter of John A. Barker, of Venice, Cayuga County, N.Y., a lady of very estimable character, who died June 2, 1882. Two years afterward – May 27, 1884 – he was married to Mrs. Bessie Bentley, of Morristown, New Jersey. He left no children by either wife. He was rather tall and well built, of a mild and benevolent aspect, was slow in all his motions, guarded and deliberate in speech, and very strong and pertinacious in his convictions. During part of his public career he was quite unpopular, but, taken in its entirety, his life was that of an upright, conscientious man, who gained and deserved the favorable regard of his countrymen.

During the entire term of Mr. Bowen as postmaster the office remained in the Post Office Department building on the F Street side. The revenue was not nearly so great as during Mr. Clephane's incumbency, the receipts for 1868, the last year of his term, being slightly over \$111,000.

Three very great changes in the postal system, bringing about the most advantageous results to the public, occurred during his term. The first was the abandonment of the old penny-post system, which had existed from colonial times, and the substitution of the free-delivery system, by act of Congress of March 3, 1863, under which uniformed letter-carriers, getting a regular salary from the government, are required to make delivery of mail matter, and to collect from established boxes throughout the city, without direct charge to the patrons of the post-office. The second change was the introduction of the money-order system, in November, 1864, under the act of Congress of May 17 of that year – a system whose business has grown throughout the country from about four million dollars of issued orders in 1865 to nearly three hundred and thirty-seven million in the present year, and which extends to nearly all the countries of the world. The third change was the introduction of what is called the return-request system, under which the sender of a letter, by a designated form of request made upon it, may have it returned to him free of charge in any prescribed time, in case of its non-delivery. These several changes, it need not be told, added very largely to the work of the office.

**Bowen, Thomas H.**

d. 5 Apr 1854

7 yrs.

**R32/31**

Bowen. On the 5th instant after a painful illness, Thomas H., eldest child of Leonidas and Mary Bowen in the 8th year of his age. His funeral will take place from the residence of his parents on the corner of 6th and

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south B streets, Island, this (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock, when and where the friends of the family are requested to attend.

**Bowen, W. Thomas** d. 28 Nov 1840 75 yrs. **R32/32**

Bowen. Yesterday morning, after a lingering illness, Mr. Thomas Bowen, aged 75 years. Funeral to take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence of Mr. Carroll, opposite the Patriotic Bank where his friends are respectfully invited to attend without further notice.

**Bowen, Yelverton Peyton** d. 2 Sep 1850 26 yrs. **R32/30**

Bowen. On Monday morning the 2d instant, Yelverton Peyton Bowen in the 27th year of his age. His funeral will take place this (Tuesday) afternoon at half past 3 o'clock from the residence of his brother-in-law, William T. Duvall on Missouri avenue northeast, 4-1/2 street. His friends and those of his families are respectfully invited to attend.