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<b>Chambers, Mrs. ?</b> Wife of John Chambers	d. 13 Sep 1821	40 yrs.	<b>R27/93</b>
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<b>Chambers, Benjamin</b>	d. 7 Jan 1871	82 yrs.	<b>R66/250</b>
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Chambers. On the 7th instant, at the advanced age of 82 years, Benjamin Chambers. Mr. Chambers has long been known to the residents of Washington as one of its oldest inhabitants, his residence in this city dating back upwards of fifty-five years.

He was born in the mountain wilds of Ashe county, North Carolina, and was raised in the game region, acquiring his early education under the great disadvantages common to new countries. At a very early age he exhibited evidences of a strong and active mind, characterized by genius and mechanical talent of the highest order, the fruits of which may now be seen in his numerous inventions and improvements in the mechanical arts. When about twenty years of age he left his native place, traveled on foot a distance of over four hundred miles, visited the city of Richmond, Va., and volunteered his services, without pay, in the defense of that city against a threatened attack from the British army. After sojourning for a time in Richmond, Alexandria, Baltimore and Philadelphia, he settled permanently in this city, pursuing the self taught profession of a plate engraver, wherein, for many years he was best known to the people of Washington. He was eminently successful, being largely employed by all the departments of the government, and considered one of the best artists of his day.

The energies of Mr. Chambers were not confined to the business of engraving, his mind being constantly employed in developing useful inventions for the saving of life and labor. Observing the frequency of accidents from premature discharges in firing naval and military salutes, he labored for years in devising means to obviate the danger of such explosions. The result of his labors was a breech-loading banded gun, which, after the abandonment of the breech-loading feature, became widely known as the Parrott gun, and was of inestimable value in field and siege service during the late war.

It is proper to state that Mr. Chambers, when he invented his gun, had no thought of its ever being applied to the destruction of human life; but, on the contrary, was, as before stated, impelled by a desire to avoid the mutilation and death so often attendant upon the firing of salutes.

Another of his remarkable inventions is a means of preventing the counterfeiting of bank notes, which, considered as a work of art and as a result of untiring labor, is an achievement of the highest order.

Besides those named he produced several other inventions and improvements, all worthy results of deep thought and indomitable perseverance.

His walk through life was distinguished by wide benevolence, deep and warm affection for family and friends, an unswerving fidelity to his convictions of right, and the strictest adherence to truth and morality.

During the later years of his life he was afflicted with an incurable malady; his sufferings towards the close being very great, but borne with resignation and fortitude, until finally, surrounded by family and friends, he calmly and peacefully slept the sleep that knows no waking.

<b>Chambers, Bessie A.</b>	d. 28 Jul 1890	3 yrs. 5 mos. 26 days	<b>R64/314</b>
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Chambers. On July 28, 1890 at 7 o'clock p.m., Bessie A., daughter of John L. and Maude Chambers aged 3 years 5 months 26 days. Private funeral from residence 433 7th street southeast on 30th inst. at 5 p.m.

<b>Chambers, Catharine</b>	d. 12 Mar 1863	37 yrs.	<b>R144/91</b>
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Chambers. On the morning of the 12th instant, after a lingering and painful illness, Catherine D. beloved wife of William Chambers in the 38th year of her age. The funeral will take place on Friday the 13th at 2 o'clock from the residence of her husband, on Tenth street, between O and P.

She is gone but to a land more fair  
 Why weep why shed the bitter tear  
 Nor do we wish her back again

In this hard world of sin and pain.  
(New York papers please copy).

<b>Chambers, Charles W.</b>	d. 30 Sep 1896		<b>R53/89</b>
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Chambers. On Wednesday, September 30, 1896, at 12 o'clock p.m., Charles W. Chambers, beloved husband of Cecilia Chambers. Funeral from his late residence, 1219 D street southwest; Friday, October 2, at 3 o'clock.

<b>Chambers, Edward O.</b>	d. 26 Sep 1870	11 yrs.	<b>R53/90</b>
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Chambers. On the 26th inst. After a short illness, Edward O. youngest son of William Chambers in the 12th year of his age. The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from the residence of his father, 1406 16th st., between O and P tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon at 3 o'clock.

<b>Chambers, Helen E.</b>	d. 7 Jul 1893	9 mos.	<b>R53/90</b>
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Chambers. At 4 o'clock a.m., on July 7, 1893, Helen E., youngest daughter of C.W. and Cecelia Chambers aged 9 months. Funeral from parents residence, 305 13th street s.w., Saturday at 4 o'clock p.m.

<b>Chambers, Thomas J.</b>	d. 22 Aug 1861		<b>R86/75</b>
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[Co. A., Alabama Infantry, CSA]

<b>Chambers, William</b>	d. 5 Aug 1884	65 yrs.	<b>R53/89</b>
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Chambers. On Tuesday, August 5th, 1884, at 1:40 a.m., after a long and painful illness, William Chambers, in the 66th year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, 1217 Eleventh street northwest, Wednesday, 6th inst. at 4 p.m. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

*The Evening Star, August 6, 1884*  
*Death of an Old Citizen*

Mr. William Chambers, a well-known citizen of North Washington, died yesterday morning, after a long and painful illness, at his residence, 1217 11th street northwest, in the 66th year of his age. Mr. Chambers was a cabinet maker, by trade, and, for many years, was in the employment of the late Samuel Kirby. Some years ago he was a messenger in the office of the second controller of the Treasury department. He had been a member of Beacon Lodge, No. 15, of Odd Fellows for nearly thirty years, and was a past grand of the order. He was also known as a member of the old Jackson Democratic Association. His funeral took place this afternoon, the interment being at Congressional Cemetery.