

Coote, Charlotte	d. 28 Sep 1834	8 yrs. 11 mo.	R51/45
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Coote. On Sunday last, Charlotte Emily, youngest daughter of Clement T. Coote, aged 8 years and 11 months.

Coote, Clement T.	b. 1784 – d. 13 May 1849	65 yrs.	R54/59
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Coote. In Baltimore on Sunday morning the 13th inst. of paralysis, Mr. Clement T. Coote, a native of England, but for the last 32 years a residence of this city. His friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from the residence of Purser William Speiden, on F street near the Navy Department, this afternoon at 4 o'clock.



CLEMENT T. COOTE
Grand Master, 1894

Dry Goods Store. North side Pennsylvania ave. between 9 and 10 west, also partner in Brewers, west side New Jersey ave. near the Eastern Branch (Wash. Dir., 1822)

Brewer west side New Jersey avenue near the Eastern Branch (Wash. Dir., 1834).

The Evening Star, October 11, 1892

Saw the Corner Stone Laid

Mr. John H. Semmes' Recollections of an Interesting Ceremony

"I remember the laying of the corner stone of the Washington monument," remarked Mr. John H. Semmes, the well-known B street, commissions merchant, to a Star reporter today, "as distinctly as if it had happened yesterday. If I remember the year rightly, it was the 4th of July, 1848. But some of my friends have claimed that it was in 1849. It was a beautiful day and there must have been not less than 10,000 people present. That, you know, was a big crowd in those days. All of the dignitaries of the government were there and Robt. C. Winthrop delivered the oration.

"The corner stone was laid by old Squire Clement T. Coote, who occupied some prominent position in local Masonic circles then. My position as one of the assistant marshals of the day's parade brought me just beside the old gentleman as he conducted the ceremonies, and I and Gen. Peter F. Bacon, I think, supported him, as he was quite feeble.

"Gen. Bacon at that time was the commanding officer of the District militia, but I forget whether he was the chief marshal of the parade or not. I am inclined that it was some one else. I remember well that the marshal of the parade agreed that day to keep our trappings, and when the monument was completed to again use them. But just before the monument was finished I loaned mine out and never got them again. But as it was I forgot the day of its completion, so I missed it after all.

"After the laying of the corner stone the procession was reviewed by the President Polk, I think it was, in front of Willard's Hotel.

"I never knew just why it was decided to put the monument just where it is, although I believe it was placed there because Architect Mills considered that a better foundation could be secured there than anywhere else. Mr. Mills was from South Carolina, and was, I think, the original architect of the monument. The monument lot in those days was nothing but hills and gullies, and it seemed almost incredible that such great and beautiful changes have taken place there. But such changes have taken place everywhere throughout the city, and it is very pleasant to have been permitted to live to behold such wonderful changes."

Coote, Mary	b. 1791 - d. 4 Sep 1838	47 yrs.	R54/59
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Name

Birth/Death

Age

Range/Site

Coote. On Tuesday, Sept. 4th, after a lingering illness, Mary, wife of Clement T. Coote, Esq., aged forty-seven years. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral from her late residence, near the City Hall, this afternoon (Wednesday) at 3 o'clock p.m.