

**Cromelin, Mattie J.** d. 28 Sep 1926 **R86/174**

Cromelin. Suddenly on Tuesday, September 28, 1926, Mattie J. Cromelin (nee Selby) widow of William H. and mother of P.B. Cromelin. Funeral from her late residence, 1453 Spring place n.w., Friday, October 1 at 2 o'clock. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

**Cromelin, Paul B.** d. 14 May 1956 **R87/169**

Cromelin, Paul B. On Monday, May 14, 1956 at 4201 Massachusetts ave. n.w., Paul B. Cromelin, beloved husband of Ruth B. Cromelin, father of Mrs. Robert A. Meyers, Mrs. John H. Cragoe and Paul B. Cromelin, jr. He also is survived by six grandchildren. Friends may call at the S.H. Hines Co. Funeral Home, 2901 14th st. n.w. (parking facilities). Roise Croix services will be held on Wednesday, May 16 at 8 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Temple, 2800 16th st. n.w. Funeral services at the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Nebraska and New Mexico aves. n.w. on Thursday, May 17 at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Sibley Hospital Building Fund.

Cromelin, Paul B. A special communication of the Grand Lodge, F.A.A.M., of the District of Columbia, is hereby called for 1 p.m., Thursday, May 17, 1956 at the Masonic Temple, for the purpose of conducting Masonic services for our late brother, Past Grand Master Paul B. Cromelin. By order of the Grand Master,  
Raymond N. Babcock  
Grand Secretary

Cromelin, Paul B. A special communication of Benjamin B. French Lodge, No. 15, F.A.A.M., will be held at the Masonic Temple, 13th st. and New York ave. n.w., on Thursday, May 17, 1956, at 1 p.m. for the purpose of attending Masonic burial services for our late brother Past Grand Master Paul B. Cromelin.  
Thomas M. Raysor, W.M.  
Glenn L. Johnson, Secy.

Cromelin, Paul B. The officers and members of Lebanon Chapter, No. 25, O.E.S., are hereby advized of the death of Brother Paul B. Cromelin, Past Grand Patron, on Monday, May 14, 1956. Remains resting at the S.H. Hines Co. Funeral Home, 2901 14th st. n.w. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at the Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Church, Nebraska and New Mexico aves. n.w.  
Maurine H. Coffindaffer  
Worthy Matron  
Osie B. Ritter, Secretary

*The Evening Star, May 14, 1956, p. A-14*

*Paul B. Cromelin, 66*

*Lawyer, Churchman, Dies*

Paul B. Cromelin, 66, prominent Washington attorney and Mason, died today of a heart condition at his home, the Berkshire Apartments, 4201 Massachusetts avenue N.W.

In 1954, Mr. Cromelin, was cited as lawyer of the year by the District Bar Association. He was president of the association in 1942.

A member of the law firm of Cromelin, Raynor, Fletcher, Walsh & Lauderdale with offices in the National Press Building. Mr. Cromelin had been a practicing attorney since 1920, when he was graduated from Georgetown Law School. From 1921 to 1938 he was in partnership with Bolitha J. Laws, who is now chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Afterwards he was in partnerships with James R. Kirkland until he, too, became a judge of the same court.

*Won Arnstein Case*

Earlier in his carrer, Mr. Cromelin was an assistant United States district attorney for the District. During the 19 months he served in that capacity, beginning in 1920, he prosecuted a number of important cases. In one, he obtained the conviction of Nicky Arnstein and his associates for conspiracy to dispose of \$5 million worth of bonds stolen from Wall Street.

Mr. Cromelin was formerly a member of the Committee on Admissions and Grievances of the United States District Court for the District. The committee passes upon admissions of lawyers to practice here. It also handles disbarment proceedings.

Mr. Cromelin was formerly president of the Board of Directors of Sibley Hospital. He was director and member of the Executive Committee of Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Co. and a former director of the Washington Savings bank and the Morris Plan Bank.

When he died he was general counsel and member of the board of the D.C. Society for Crippled Children; secretary and directory of the Kelly Lumber Co., a member of the board of the Law Reporter Printing Co., and a member of the Board of Trustees of American University.

Mr. Cromelin was active in Methodist Church affairs for many years. He was on the Executive Committee of the Methodist Union of the District of Columbia; trustee and general counsel of the Methodist Home of the District of Columbia, a member of the Board of Stewards of Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Church and a former trustee of Trinity Methodist Church.

A 33d-degree Mason, Mr. Cromelin had filled many offices in that fraternal order. In 1937 he served as grand master in the District.

Mr. Cromelin was president of the Association of Worshipful Masters in 1920 and grand patron of the Eastern Star of the District in 1832. He as past master and past secretary of Benjamin B. French Masonic Lodge, member of Mount Vernon Chapter No. 3; Washington Commandery of the Knights Templar; member of the Jurisprudence Committee of Almas Temple; member of Albert Pike Consistory, the Royal Order of Scotland, and past patron of Lebanon Chapter of the Eastern Star.

He was director and general counsel of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home of the District of Columbia.

He was a trustee of the grand lodge of the District.

As for his judicial affiliation, Mr. Cromelin was president of the Barristers Club in 1924 and a member of the American District and Federal Bar Association.

A native of Washington, Mr. Cromelin enlisted in the Signal Corps in 1917 and was discharged two years later as a captain in the Air Service. During World War II he was chairman of a draft board and was a member of the Board of Appeals of Selective Service.

He was past president of the Business High School Alumni Association and a member of George Washington American Legion Post, the National Press Club, Washington Board of Trade, Congressional Country Club, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, the Washington Rotary, the Society of Natives Sojourners and Les Amis d'Escoffier.

Survivors are his widow, Ruth S., whom he married in 1918, two daughters, Mrs. Robert A. Meyers, Akron, Ohio; Mrs. John H. Cragoe, 5814 Osceola road, Sumner, Md. and Paul, jr., 4420 Brandywine street N.W.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Church, Nebraska and New Mexico avenues N.W. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

*The Evening Star, May 15, 1956, p. A-20*

*Paul B. Cromelin Praised in Court*

The death yesterday of attorney Paul B. Cromelin formally was announced today in District Court by Thomas M. Raysor of the Memorial Committee of the District Bar Association.

Mr. Raysor appeared before Chief Judge Bolitha J. Laws, a former law partner of Mr. Cromelin. The speaker recited events in the life of Mr. Cromelin and praised him for the "integrity of all his work."

Judge Laws responded by describing his sense of "deep personal loss" and remarking that Mr. Cromelin was "one of the finest lawyers I have ever known."

**Cromelin, Ruth S.**

d. 3 May 1982

91 yrs.

**R87/168**

Cromeline, Ruth S. On Monday, May 3, 1982, Ruth S. Cromeline, beloved wife of the late Paul B. Cromeline. Survived by a daughter, Jean C. Meyers, Akron, Ohio; seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Services will be held at the Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church, Nebraska and New Mexico aves. nw., on Thursday, May 6 at 12 noon. Interment Congressional Cemetery. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Masonic and Eastern Star Home or the Methodist Home.

*The Evening Star, May 6, 1982, p. C16*

*Ruth R.S. Cromelin, 91*

Ruth Rice Sniffen Cromelin, 91, Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of the District of Columbia in the 1930s, died May 3 at Sibley Memorial Hospital after a stroke. She lived in Bethesda.

Mrs. Cromelin was a former matron of the Lebanon Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Washington.

She was a native of Washington and a graduate of Eastern High School. She was a Red Cross volunteer during World War I.

Her husband, Paul Bowen Cromelin, died in 1956.

Survivors include a daughter, Jean Meyers of Akron, Ohio; seven grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

**Cromeline, William H.** d. 30 Jun 1895 **R86/175**

Cromeline. At 12:35 a.m., Sunday, June 30, 1895, after a brief illness, William H., beloved husband of Mattie J. and son of Mrs. S. Cromeline. Funeral from his late residence, 700 E street southeast, Tuesday morning, July 2 at 9:30 o'clock. Friends and relatives are respectfully invited to attend.

*The Evening Star, July 2, 1895*

*Funeral of William H. Cromeline*

The funeral of Mr. William H. Cromeline took place from his late residence, 700 E street southeast, this morning at 9:30 o'clock. Rev. Father Sullivan of St. Peter's Church officiated. During the services and at the cemetery the Apollo Quartet rendered appropriate selections. The pallbearers were Messrs. N.L. Fitzhugh, Paul T. Bowen, J.A. Chamberlain, Carl Bond, David Fegan and Murray. Deceased was a popular teacher in the Manual Training School of the District and was universally beloved by all with whom he was associated for his kind and cheery nature and sterling integrity. He learned the trade of carriage maker with the old firm of John McDermott & Brother, and has been prominently connected with the labor associations of the District since boyhood. He was an organizer of the Carriage and Wagon Makers' Union and one of its first officers. At the time of his decease he was a member of oca Assembly 4896 and a delegate to the Federation of Labor, having held this latter position for several terms.

He left a widow and one boy, Paul Bowen Cromeline. He was the son of Mrs. S. Cromeline, and leaves three brothers, R.F., John F. and Paul H. Cromeline. The interment was at Congressional cemetery.