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Thornton, Anna M. Wife of Dr. William Thornton, Daughter of Ann Brodeau.	d. 16 Aug 1865		R33/41
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After the death of Dr. Thornton and of his accomplished wife, it became known that she was the daughter of the unfortunate Dr. Dodd, of London, who was executed for forgery in 1777. Her mother emigrated to Philadelphia soon afterward, under the name of Brodeau, and brought her infant daughter with her. In Philadelphia she opened a boarding-school, which was liberally patronized, as she had brought excellent letters of recommendation and displayed great ability as a teacher. The daughter grew up to be a lady remarkable for her beauty and accomplishments and married Dr. Thornton, who brought her to Washington in 1800.

Thornton, Benjamin F. Thornton. On January 19, 1912 at 10:25 o'clock at his son's residence, 739 7th street n.w., Benjamin F. Thornton aged 82 years. Funeral Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Relatives and friends invited to attend.	d. 19 Jan 1912	82 yrs.	R147/218
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Thornton, Charlotte E. Thornton. Departed this life, Thursday, January 18, 1912 at 2:15 a.m., Charlotte E., the beloved wife of John R. and devoted other of Richard, Willie and Edward Thornton and Mrs. W. Wilker. Funeral Saturday, January 20 at 3 p.m. from her late residence, 734 10th street southeast. Friends and relatives invited to attend. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.	d. 18 Jan 1912		R78/E-2
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Thornton, Ella E. Thornton. On Monday, June 8, 1903 at 2 a.m., Ella E. Thornton, beloved wife of William M. Thornton and loving daughter of John M. and Mary F. Gould. Funeral Wednesday, June 10 at 2 p.m. from parents residence No. 2500 F street northwest. Relatives and friends invited to attend.	d. 8 Jun 1903		R147/234
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Thornton, George T. <i>The Evening Star, January 12, 1925, p. 5</i> <i>George T. Thornton Dies In Home Here</i> <i>Was Employed by Gas Light Company for 40 Years -- Funeral Tomorrow</i> George T. Thornton, formerly employed by the Washington Gaslight Company for nearly 40 years and a member of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia, died here Saturday after a lingering illness. Mr. Thornton resided at 14 S street.	b. 20 Jul 1848 - d. 13 Jan 1925		R43/61
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Born in Baltimore, July 20, 1848, he came to this city in 1865 and went to work in the navy yard, where he stayed for several years. Following he worked as a conductor and transfer agent for the old Washington and Georgetown Railway, now the Capital Traction Company, for a number of years.

Mr. Thornton was retired by the Washington Gas Light Company a short time ago. He is survived by his son, William A. Thornton and a grandson, William R. Perry.

Funeral services will be conducted at the chapel of Charles B. Zurhorst, 301 East Capitol street, tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. S.T. Nicholas, pastor of the Keller Memorial Lutheran Church, will officiate. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Thornton, Harriet A. Thornton. On February 27, 1889 at 12:05 o'clock a.m., Harriet A., relict of the late John M. Thornton. Funeral from the residence of her sister, Mrs. J.T. Callan, 108 8th street n.e., Friday, March 1 at 10 o'clock a.m. Friends and relatives invited to attend.	d. 27 Feb 1889		R96/356
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Thornton, Isaac Thornton. On April 6, 1889 of cerebro spinal meningitis, Isaac Thornton, aged 45 years. Funeral will take place from his late residence, 735 9th street n.w. at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday the 9th inst. Friends and relatives are invited.	d. 6 Apr 1889	45 yrs.	R97/366
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Thornton, Mrs. Jane Thornton. At the house of her daughter, Mrs. Seaton, Mrs. Jane Thornton, at the advanced age of 79 years, many of which she had passed in the service of that God who early sought and found by her, shed over her couch of pain the comfort and peace of mind that can spring only from Him. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral from her late residence on C street between 4 1/2 and 3d, this day at 3 1/2 o'clock p.m.	d. 14 Mar 1852		R53/40
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Thornton, John M.	d. 31 Mar 1875	60 yrs.	R65/230
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Thornton. On March 31, John M. Thornton, aged 60 years. The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence 107 Pennsylvania ave. west on Friday, April 2 at 10 o'clock (Philadelphia papers please copy).

The Evening Star, April 1, 1875

Locals

Capt. John M. Thornton, for nearly thirty years a resident of this city, died yesterday at the age of 60 years, of consumption. He served in the Mexican War, and was afterwards a lieutenant in the Continental Guards, a popular organization here 20 years ago. The funeral services will take place at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the residence of his family, No. 107 Pennsylvania avenue.

Thornton, John Robert	d. 26 Jul 1932		R78/E-2
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Thornton, John Robert. On Tuesday July 26, 1932, John Robert Thornton, beloved husband of the late Charlotte E. Thornton. He is survived by a daughter and three sons, Mary Jane Wilker; Richard, William and Edward Thornton. Funeral from his late residence, 734 10th street southeast, Thursday, July 28 at 2 p.m.

Thornton, Laura Hayes	d. 31 Aug 1924	87 yrs.	R34/102
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Thornton. Departed this life on Sunday, August 31, 1924, at 2:45 a.m., at her residence in the Cumberland Apartments, Mrs. Laura Hayes Thornton, nee Stettinius, wife of the late Champe B. Thornton, Jr., and beloved mother of Heber L., Grayson L. and Rosalie Conness, in her 88th year. Funeral services at the Ascension Church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. Interment (private) in Congressional cemetery.

Thornton, Lewis	d. 22 Dec 1933		R146/176
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Thornton, Lewis. On Friday, December 22, 1933, this residence, 1713 M st. n.w., Lewis, husband of the late Anne Thornton. Services at the S.H. Hines Co. funeral home, 2901 14th st. n.w. on Tuesday, December 26, at 10:30 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

Thornton, Mrs. Mariana	d. 7 Aug 1852	40 yrs.	R52/234
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Thornton. Yesterday, in this city, very suddenly, Mrs. Marianna T. Thornton, the beloved wife of Col. J.B. Thornton of Memphis, Tennessee, aged about 40 years. She was on her way with her husband and daughter to visit their relatives in Virginia, when death so suddenly and distressingly called her from the world, furnishing a most painful and impressive admonition of the uncertainty of life.

Thornton, Margaret B.	d. 31 Dec 1904		R147/217
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Thornton. Departed this life on Saturday, Dec. 31, 1904 at 1 a.m., Mrs. Margaret Thornton, beloved wife of B.F. Thornton. Funeral services will be held at her late residence, 702 10th street n.e., Monday January 2, 1905 at 2 p.m. Friends and relatives are invited (Baltimore papers please copy).

Thornton, Mary	d. 13 Feb 1906		R54/283
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Thornton. On February 13, 1906 at her sister's residence, 102 6th street southeast, May F. Thornton (nee Cadington).

A bitter grief, a shock severe,

To part with one we loved so dear.

Our love is great, we can't complain

But trust in God to meet again.

By The Family

Funeral on Friday, February 16 at 2:30 p.m.

Thornton, Mary G.	d. 10 Aug 1885		R94/301
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Thornton. On Monday, August 10th, 1885, at ten o'clock a.m. of typhoid fever, Mary Grace, eldest daughter of J.L. and A.M. Thornton. Funeral from 621 Massachusetts avenue northeast Wednesday at four o'clock. Friends invited.

Thornton, Presley L.W.	d. 2 May 1912		R53/309
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Thornton. On Thursday, May 2, 1912 at his residence, 806 New Hampshire ave., P.L.W. Thornton. Funeral from Epiphany Church at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 4. Friends and relatives cordially invited.

The Evening Star, May 3, 1912, p. 22

Funeral of P.L.W. Thornton

Services Tomorrow Morning -- Interment in Congressional Cemetery

P.L.W. Thornton, an employee of the War Department, died at his residence, 806 New Hampshire avenue yesterday. Funeral services in charge of Rev. Dr. Randolph H. McKim will be held at the Church of the Epiphany at 2 o'clock tomorrow. Burial will be made at Congressional Cemetery. Mr. Thornton was a native of Fairfax Co., Virginia and served throughout the war as an officer of the 21st Virginia Infantry. He was badly wounded in battle and was captured by Union troops.

Thornton, Robert d. 10 Feb 1903 **R142/200**

Thornton. On Tuesday morning, February 10, 1903, at 5:30, Robert Thornton. Funeral will take place from his late residence, 410 8th street southeast, Thursday, February 12 at 3 o'clock. Friends and relatives invited to attend. To be buried at Congressional cemetery.

Thonrton, Walter d. 4 Mar 1905 **R54/283**

Thornton. On Saturday, March 4, 1905 at 4:50 a.m., Walter, beloved husband of Mary F. Thornton and only one of the late William Thornton. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his mother, Mrs. M.J. Higgs, 1219 K street s.e. on Tuesday, March 7, 1905 at 9 o'clock a.m. to St. Peter's Church where a mass of requiem will be offered for the repose of his soul. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

Thornton, Walter E. d. 13 Jul 1900 2 mos. 12 days **R97/366**

Thornton. On Friday, July 13, 1900, at 11 a.m., Walter Edwin Thornton, infant son of Walter and Kate Thornton. Funeral private.

Thornton, Dr. William d. 28 Mar 1828 67 yrs. **R33/39**

Thornton. At his residence in F Street, after a tedious confinement, by malady, which he bore with unruffled resignation, the highly gifted Doctor William Thornton, one of the oldest and most respectable inhabitants of this City, and who, for many years past, presided at the head of the Patent Office, in the Department of State. His funeral will take place on Sunday next, precisely at one o'clock, when his friends, and the friends of the family, are respectfully requested to attend.

The National Intelligencer, April 4, 1828

The Late Doctor William Thornton

The funeral of the late Doctor Thornton took place last Sunday; and on that occasion, every honor that could be shown, either by citizens or strangers, to solace his amiable and bereaved family, and evince the sincerity of public regret for his merits and memory was manifested. His body was accompanied to the place of interment by the President of the United States (John Quincy Adams), the Heads of Departments, members of Congress, and functionaries of the Corporation. And, on this melancholy occasion, the associates of the Columbian Institute having voted to wear badges of mourning for him, were joined by the medical and other learned societies to which he belonged, and by other respectable citizens who all discovered unusual sympathy, in paying this last tribute of respect to his remains. If the practice of lavishing obituary praise, in all our public journals, had not almost broken down the distinctions between merit and mediocrity, and depreciated the value of any expressions of public opinion, it would be a sadly pleasing employment to sketch the biography of Doctor Thornton, whose genius most certainly has not a thing of every-day growth. But, the abuse to which we allude, will confine us to the meager detail of a few obituary and broken sentences. Doctor William Thornton was an adopted American citizen. He was born in the British West Indies, in a family affluent and respectable. He was educated in classical learning, and for his profession, in the best schools in Edinburg. Here, after a residence of some years, he took his medical degrees, extolled for gifts and attainments. After traveling subsequently for several years in Europe, he returned, in the bloom of manhood, to America; and, having happily married in Philadelphia, this country thence forth became the land of his choice. During the first Administration, he was introduced to President Washington, whose regard he conciliated, and by whom, having been appointed a Commissioner for laying out this Metropolis, and fixing his future residence here, he may be considered as one of its founders. As soon as the Patent Office in the State Department became established in Washington, he was invited to preside over its important duties, a function, which, during four successive Administrations, he has ably fulfilled. Doctor Thornton was distinguished by a clear understanding, a tenacious memory, and an exuberant imagination. Highly gifted by nature, those gifts were exalted by an excellent education. His benevolence expanding into philanthropy, was active and boundless. Witness the early, eager, and disinterested effects of argument and eloquence which are embodied in his memorials, some of which preceded public opinion, and probably contributed to incline its tardy prudence in favor of Greek liberty, and South American Independence. To try, indeed, to do great good to great members of unhappy men, constituted the ruling effort of his life. His temperament was highly sensitive, and of course, his character was not exempt from those alloys that are blended with genius, and which we must take with it, or be content to live without it. He was constant and warm in his friendships, open and, decided in his enmities. His love of knowledge was great; his love of liberty greater; but his greatest love was that of truth. Truth he incessantly sought, through every avenue of science or literature, and fearlessly pursued through the whole course of his career with unabated ardor. In every relation of social life,

and emphatically in all its endearing charities, he was exemplary. In fine, a more fervent patriot and philanthropist never existed; nor a kinder kinsman, more devoted husband, or truer friend. C.

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Prominent as an adopted citizen of Washington and as a personal friend of President Adams was Dr. William F. Thornton, Superintendent of the Patent Office, who had by personal appeals to his conquering countrymen, in 1814, saved the models of patents from the general conflagration of the public buildings. He was also a devoted lover of horse-racing, and on one occasion, when he expected that a horse of his would win the cup, Mr. Adams walked out to the race-course to enjoy the Doctor's triumph, but witnessed his defeat.

Lived at 1331 F street and also 3221 Bridge street

Thornton, William A.	d. 6 May 1939	57 yrs.	R42/62
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Thornton, William Alfred. Suddenly on Saturday, May 6, 1939, William Alfred Thornton, beloved son of the late Sarah Hayes and George Taylor Thornton. Funeral from the Zurhorst funeral parlor 301 East Capitol street on Monday, May 8, at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

Thornton, William A. Washington Lodge, No. 15, B.P.O Elks, will convene in session of sorrow at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 7, for the purpose of paying tribute to the memory of our late brother, William A Thornton, class of December 17, 1913 who passed to the Grand Lodge of the Hereafter, May 6, 1939. Elk services at Zurhorst's chapel, 301 East Capitol st. at 3 p.m.

By order of Harold T. Pease, Exalted Ruler
Attest: W.S. Shelby, Secretary

The Evening Star, May 6, 1939, p. A-2

Autopsy Set in Death of Man on Sidewalk

An autopsy was ordered today in the death of William A. Thornton, 57, 3121 Mt. Pleasant street n.w. who collapsed on the sidewalk at New Jersey avenue and H streets n.w. yesterday.

Mr. Thornton was pronounced dead by a Casualty Hospital ambulance doctor. The city directory lists William A. Thornton of that address as a Government Printing Office, linotype perator.

The Evening Star, May 7, 1939, p. A-6

Death Certificate Issued

A certificate of death from natural causes in the case of William A. Thornton, 57 of 3121 Mt. Pleasant street N.W. was issued yesterday by Coroner A. Magruder MacDonald following an autopsy.

Mr. Thornton was pronounced dead by a Casualty Hospital physician after he had collapsed on the sidewalk at New Jersey ave. and H street N.W., Friday.