Duffey

Methodist Protestant Cemetery · three generations of silversmiths and the Capitol trowel

Methodist Protestant Cemetery · Buried elsewhere · Context, or burial not confirmed

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John Duffey
Silversmith; made the **silver trowel** George Washington used to lay the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol, Sept 18, 1793

George Hurd Duffey
(Sept 11, 1801 – Feb 2, 1852)
Kept a tavern on Royal St.; a "mechanic" working in steel, brass, silver and gold in his North Royal St. shop
Burial: *Methodist Protestant Cemetery*

Maj. George Duffey
(Apr 6, 1820 – July 10, 1896)
Third-generation silversmith
Confederate major of artillery
Revenue commissioner before and after the Civil War
Andrew Jackson and Oriental Masonic Lodges
Burial: *E116*

m. 1882

Josephine Diamond Hugh Duffey
Married Nov 29, 1882
Said to be the first woman to register to vote and serve on a jury in Alexandria

George Nelson Duffey
(b. Jan 8, 1850) · Civil War; Columbia Fire House
Burial: *Trinity, G:22*

The trowel is now at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial and has laid the cornerstones of the Smithsonian, the Supreme Court, the National Cathedral, the Library of Congress and the Jefferson Memorial. Capt. John Harper and Rev. James Muir took part in the 1793 ceremony too (see their trees).