

The Maury House
302 G Street, N. W.
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This old house with its simple dignified facade of good proportions and granite steps protected by delicate wrought-iron railings, leading to the main entrance with Doric columns set in the depth of the brick opening, was typical of the period in Washington.

The house and the ones adjoining on the west were built approximately in 1825 by Charles H. Wiltberger, from whom #302 was purchased in 1836, by John W. Maury. The new purchaser had served as alderman and later was mayor of Washington, from 1835 to 1853. In this vicinity were the residences of men prominent in politics and the social life of the Capitol. The Maury house was often the center of brilliant entertainments, both official and private.

The original property comprised the residence, which was then 2 rooms deep, and out-buildings in the rear consisting of stables, carriage house, and slave quarters, also a formal garden between these and the house. A short time after purchasing the property, Mr. Maury built the rear extension to accommodate the needs of his large family.

The front steps of the house originally terminated at the old street level, but during Governor Shepherd's regime, the grade of the street was lowered which required an additional short flight of steps to the present street level.

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MAURY HOUSE
302 C Street, NW.
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Owner: Not given.

Date of Erection: About 1825.

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Three. Cellar under part of house.

Materials of Construction: Brick.

Other Existing Records: See text.¹

Additional Data: See following pages.

¹ For activities of John W. Maury, see Bryan, W.G., A History of the National Capital (1916), vol. 2, 404, 425-427.