

Albert G. Allen (1818 - 11 Aug 1873)

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Funeral of a Journalist

The funeral of Col. A.G. Allen took place at the National hotel at one o'clock this afternoon, and was attended by most of the journalists residing in Washington, and by many of our prominent business men who knew and esteemed the deceased in life. The remains arrived at about 12:30 p.m. and were placed in the hall of the hotel, where they were viewed by hundreds who had gathered to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased. The body was encased in a handsome black walnut casket, trimmed with silver, and at the head was placed a wreath of ivy. The plate bore the inscription: "Albert G. Allen. Born 1818; died 1873." The face presented a strikingly natural appearance. The lips and cheeks were tinged with red; the features were round smooth as in life, and except about the eyes, which were somewhat sunken, bore no traces of disease. The funeral services, which took place in the main parlor, were conducted by Rev. J.W. Parker, pastor of Calvary (Baptist) church, corner of 8th and H streets northwest, who delivered an impressive prayer, at the close of which he announced that the obsequies would be concluded at the grave. The remains were then conveyed to the hearse by the following pall-bearers: Mr. Ela, Fifth Auditor; Mr. Mahon, First Auditor of the Treasury; Mr. Mallard, of New Hampshire; Col. L.D. Ingersoll, of Chicago; Mr. F. Tenney, National Hotel; Col. B.D. Peck, of Maine; Mr. John Wilson, Second Comptroller's Office; Mr. E.F. French, do.; Mr. N. Davidson, city; Mr. E. Kingman, do.; Mr. Arthur Shepherd, Morning Chronicle; Mr. W.S. Snow, National Republican; Mr. C.S. Noyes, Evening Star; Dr. J.J. Jones, Critic; Mr. D.O. Forney, Sunday Chronicle; Col. Thomas B. Florence, Sunday Gazette; Mr. Almont Barnes, Sunday Capital; Mr. O.K. Harris, New York World; Mr. H.A. Preston, New York Herald.

The remains were taken to the Congressional cemetery, where, after the reading of appropriate scriptural selections, a prayer and the benediction by the Rev. Mr. Parker, they were interred. The only near relative of the deceased--a maiden sister residing at Pottsville, Pennsylvania--was present and seemed inconsolable at her bereavement.