

Henry N. Barlow (- 31 Aug 1884)

Barlow. At his residence, 1215 M street northwest, at 8 p.m., Sunday, August 31, 1884, Henry N. Barlow, born in Sheffield, England. Funeral services at residence Tuesday evening, September 2d at 4 ½ o'clock sharp.

The Evening Star, September 3, 1884

The Funeral of Mr. Henry N. Barlow

The funeral of Mr. Henry N. Barlow occurred yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 1215 M street, Rev. J.B. Perry, of St. Andrew's church, and Rev. J.R. Hubard, of Winchester, Va., formerly rector of the Church of the Incarnation, officiated. The casket was covered with beautiful floral tributes. The pall-bearers were as follows: Col. W. Penn Clarke, Dr. Wm. M. Mew, Major E.J. Dallas, Wm. J. Miller, Major E.B. Townsend, R.I. Geare. The interment was at the Congressional Cemetery.

McMahan, Virgil E. The Artists of Washington, DC, 1796-1996. The Artists of Washington, Washington, DC, 1995.

BARLOW, HENRY N.

Painter, restorer and proprietor of one of Washington's earliest commercial art galleries, he was born in England in 1824. He was educated there and worked in Philadelphia, PA from 1856 until he moved to Washington in the mid-1860s. He was active first as a picture liner and cleaner, but in 1869 was listed in local references as an artist, restorer and proprietor of Barlow's Gallery of Fine Arts. The gallery, which he operated until his death and which his wife Kate continued thereafter for a short period, is said to have offered many local artists their first opportunity to exhibit and have their works sold. He was a member of the Washington Art Club and was skilled at restoration, his most important commission being the works by Trumbull, Weir, Chapman and other artists represented in the Capitol building, which he restored during the period 1875-1883. The only work located by the author is a charcoal drawing of Martha Johnson Patterson, which is in the collection of the Andrew Johnson National Historic Site, Greenville, TN. The daughter of President Johnson, she served as "first lady" during his administration as his wife was in ill health. Barlow died in Washington in 1884. REFS: BARTON; GROCE; Klaphor, Margaret M., First Ladies, White House Historical Association, 1975 (p.. 43); NMAA 1; PROVINE; WCD (beginning in 1865).