John Edward Bouligny

(5 Feb 1824 - 20 Feb 1864)

Bouligny. Saturday, February 20, 1864, Hon. John E. Bouligny of New Orleans, Louisiana. His funeral will take place from the residence of George Parker, corner 4 1/2 and C streets, Monday, February 23d at 3 1/2 o'clock. His friends and those of the family are respectfully invited to attend (Baltimore, New York, and New Orleans please copy).

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A Representative from Louisiana; born in New Orleans, La., February 5, 1824; attended the public schools; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in New Orleans; held several



local offices; elected as the candidate of the American Party to the 36th Congress (March 4, 1859 to March 3, 1861); was strongly opposed to secession and was the only Louisiana Member to retain his seat after the State seceded on January 26, 1861; retired to private life and remained in the North during the Civil War; died in Washington, D.C., February 20, 1864; interment in the Congressional Cemetery.

The Evening Star, February 22, 1864

Hon. John E. Bouligny, who died at the residence of his fatherin-law, Mr. Parker, corner of 4 1/2 and C streets, will be buried this afternoon, and religious services will be held at Trinity Church. Mr. Bouligny was born in New Orleans in 1824, and belonged to one of the oldest Creole families of Louisiana. He was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1859, and in the memorable struggle by which the rebels attempted to sever the Union, he nobly and gallantly

defended the same by his instinctive patriotism and love of country. He remained true to the principles of the Union to his last hour. He was a nephew of the first Senator from Louisiana.

The Evening Star, June 1, 1861

Mr. J.E. Bouligny

The New Orleans Letter of the 21st says: We were called upon yesterday by Mr. J.E. Bouligny, who has just returned from Washington, bringing with him his wife and child. Mr. Bouligny asks us to state, and we comply with his request with sincere pleasure, that there is no truth whatever in the statements in the Northern papers in relation to his conduct while away from this city. So far from being at Perryville, drilling Northerm volunteers, he has never been near that place; nor did he make any such statements as are attributed to him, concerning the state of public opinion in Louisiana. He authorizes us to state that he fully appreciates and recognizes the changed situation of the country, and the absolute disappearance of the issue which existed a few months since. In the momentous struggle with the North, he is on the side of the South, and of the State in which he was born. The Northern papers

seemed to be highly delighted with the alleged defection for their unholy cause of an ex-Louisiana Congressman. We can tell them that when they really find such a person his name will not be Bouligny.

The Evening Star, May 2, 1860 A Brilliant Wedding

Yesterday, at noon, the Hon. J.E. Bouligny, M.C. from Louisiana was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Parker, the second daughter of our well-known fellow-citizen, Mr. George Parker. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's father, and the officiating clergyman was the Rev. Mr. Butler, the pastor of Trinity (Episcopal) Church. The guests witnessing the ceremony, though not very numerous, embraced a number of gentlemen in distinguished public positions here and their families, the President (Buchanan), Secretaries Cobb, Thompson and Foucey among them. The bridesmaids were Miss Fanny Parker (a sister of the bride), Miss Hamilton of New York, Miss Catlin of New York, Miss Alice Maury and Miss Sarah Franklin, of this city, and Miss Hammond, a daughter of Senator Hammond of South Carolina; and the groomsmen were Dr. Parker, Sheriff of New Orleans; John Maury, Esq. of this city; the Hon. Messrs. Ruffin of North Carolina, Edmonston of Virginia and Miles of South Carolina, of the House of Representatives, and another gentleman from Louisiana, whose name we have not learned. The bride is said to have been attired with most exquisite taste--in point lace over a white satin dress, with a point lace veil, and orange flowers in her hair, and rich sparkling diamonds in the ornaments she wore. Shortly after the ceremony the reception took place, which was attended by a large concourse of the fashionable friends of Mr. Parker's family and those of his new son-in-law, their equipages lining C and Four-and-a-half streets for a long distance. A sumptuous entertainment was prepared for the company, and an exquisite string band discoursed delicious music from the conservatory attached to the dwelling. At 3 p.m., the reception closed, and, subsequently the gay wedding party dined together at Mr. Parker's. We hear that the happy pair start today on a Northern wedding tour. This was perhaps the most brilliant wedding that has ever taken place in the Federal Metropolis.