

Dr. Alonzo M. Buck

(- 30 Sep 1905)

Buck. On Friday, September 29, 1905 at 6:40 p.m. at Hyattsville, Md., Dr. Alonzo Morris Buck in the 80th year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, Johnson avenue, Hyattsville, Md. on Sunday, October 1 at 3 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment private.

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Was Forty Years in the Service of the Government

Dr. Alonzo Morris Buck died at his late residence in Hyattsville, Md., Friday evening, in the eightieth year of his age. For over forty-four years Dr. Buck was in the service of the government. He was born near Glens Falls, N.Y., January 26, 1826. When a young man he removed to the then far west, locating in Wisconsin. Later he took a course of lectures at Chicago and entered upon the practice of medicine, and was a practitioner when the civil war broke out. He enlisted in a Wisconsin regiment formed for the defense of the Union, which became a part of the famous Iron Brigade. Later he was transferred to the hospital corps, and served as a hospital steward until the close of the war, when he was appointed a clerk in the office of the surgeon general of the army and retained that position until his death.

For many years he had been the chief clerk of the sanitary and disbursing division, and was held in high esteem by the many surgeons general under whom he served. Until his last illness he was rarely away from his desk by reason of sickness. He was a great reader and a student of history. After he was fifty years of age he began studying languages and became master of French and German. When the Spanish war was in progress he began the study of Spanish, and although then nearly seventy-five years old became quite proficient in it. He was particularly fond of reading fiction and scientific work in the original French.

For the past few years Dr. Buck lived in Hyattsville, Md., but was for a long time a resident of this city. He was connected with the North Presbyterian Church, of which he was treasurer for many years.

Dr. Buck's wife, who was Miss Marion Pollard Douglas; a daughter, Mrs. W.F. Drown, and two sons, Alonzo Morris Buck, jr., an instructor in Cornell University, and Espy D. Buck of Kalamazoo, Mich., survive him.