

Henry DeForest Clarke

(16 Feb 1840 - 16 Apr 1900)

Clarke. On Monday, April 16, 1900, Henry DeForest Clarke, beloved husband of Elizabeth Cunningham Clarke in the 61st year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, 116 C street northwest, Thursday, April 19 at 11 o'clock a.m.

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Funeral of Henry D. Clarke

Was Supreme Court Librarian for Thirty Years

Henry D. Clarke, one of the oldest and best-known employees of the Supreme Court of the United States, and an upright and public-spirited citizen, died in this city Monday. Mr. Clarke was born sixty years ago in New York city, and after a few years spent there was reared and educated by Gen. Winfield Scott, who had him with him while he was superintendent of West Point. Gen. Scott afterwards took him with him on many of his travels, both in this country and abroad. An historic engraving of Gen. Scott and his staff, of which but a few copies are extant, shows Mr. Clarke, then a youth, standing at the side of the general.

Salmon P. Chase appointed Mr. Clarke to a position in the Treasury Department, afterwards transferring him to the New York customs service, and then, when he became chief justice, had Mr. Clarke made librarian of the Supreme Court law library, which position he has held continuously ever since, a period of thirty years.

Mr. Clarke was the author of a "Hand Book of Supreme Court Decisions." His wife, who was Miss Elizabeth Cunningham of New York city, and three sons -- Winfield Scott, Oscar De Forrest and Morrison Waite Clarke -- survive him. The funeral is to take place from his late residence tomorrow morning, the services to be conducted by the Rev. Dr. George N. Luccock, pastor of the Metropolitan Presbyterian church of whose congregation Mr. Clarke was a member. The interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.