

## Silas C. Clarke

(1 Aug 1814 – 23 Aug 1892)

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**Clarke.** Suddenly on Tuesday, August 23, 1892, Silas C. Clarke aged 78 years. Funeral Friday, August 26 at 4 p.m. from his late residence, 504 Stanton place.

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### **Death of Silas C. Clarke**

#### **He Expires Suddenly of Heart Disease**

#### **While in His Stable**

Mr. Silas C. Clarke, well known in the eastern section of the city for over a quarter of a century a clerk in the treasury, died suddenly about 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from heart disease at No. 501 Stanton place. He had gone into his stable to harness up his horse and there the disease attacked him and he died. Dr. Frederich was called, but found he was too late, and the coroner, Dr. Patterson, on learning the facts, gave a certificate of death from heart disease.

Mr. Clarke was born August 1, 1814, at East Haddon, Conn., where his parents were born before him, and prior to 1840, after having filled a number of important financial positions in his native state moved to Ohio. Here he became acquainted with and warmly supported Gen. W.H. Harrison for the presidency and he often with much satisfaction recalled the intimacy and friendship of Gen. Harrison. For some years he occupied positions of trust in Ohio, particularly those affecting finance. In 1864 he came to this city, accepting an important clerkship in the office of first controller of the treasury, his duties being the passage of the accounts of the District officers, and in that way he became more conversant with District affairs than any other one man. He became much interested in the government of the District, and through the East Washington Citizens' Association he endeavored to secure the best government and advancement of the interests of the District, and his knowledge of District finances was such as to make him a most valuable member. His intimate and correct knowledge of affairs made him positive in his statements, and those who differed with him had to give him credit for his correctness and zeal. He leaves a widow and daughter in comfortable circumstances. His funeral will take place from his late residence on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Dr. Alex Kent officiating, and the interment will be at the Congressional cemetery.