

James Clegg (- 21 Nov 1899)

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Veteran Marine Dead

James Clegg, Retired First Sergeant, Expires on the Street

James Clegg, who was retired as first sergeant of the United States marine corps, dropped dead on Indiana avenue, near 1st street, about 8:30 o'clock last night, while walking along the avenue with a woman friend. The sixth precinct patrol wagon was summoned and his body was taken to the Casualty Hospital, as the police wanted a physician to pass upon the question of his death. When the doctors pronounced life extinct the body was removed to the morgue.

The deceased was about 65 years old and was one of the best known of the retired marines. Friends of the dead man say he was one of the finest soldiers ever in the service and was always an honorable citizen. During his many years of service he made three trips around the world. He served on the United States ship Pensacola as first sergeant, in charge of the guard, and later held a similar position on the United States ship Franklin. He was in charge of the guard on the Franklin at the time "Boss" William Tweed was brought to this country from Spain. About ten years ago he was retired, and has since resided at the Cumberland House on Pennsylvania avenue.

Undertaker J. Wm. Lee took charge of the body today and removed it to his undertaking establishment, from where the funeral will probably take place. Sergt. Clegg was a member of the G.A.R. and it is likely his body will be buried at Arlington.

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Sergeant Clegg's Funeral

The funeral of the late Sergt. James Clegg, retired, who dropped dead on Indiana avenue Tuesday night, as published in yesterday's Star, took place this afternoon from Lee's undertaking establishment. Rev. Arthur S. Johns, pastor of Christ Church, Navy Yard, officiated, while members of the G.A.R. acted as pallbearers. The body was interred in Congressional cemetery.