

Philip W. Coleman

(24 Sep 1841 – 4 Nov 1909)

Coleman. On Thursday, November 4, 1909, Philip W. Coleman, late of Co. I, 8th Regiment, Michigan Vol. Infantry. Funeral from his late residence, 907 8th street northeast on Saturday, November 6 at 2 p.m. Interment private.

The Evening Star, November 5, 1909, p. 17

Resided Here Nearly 40 Years

Death of Philip W. Coleman of the Pension Office

Principal Examiner and Assistant Chief --

Veteran of Civil War, Dies of Heart Disease

Philip W. Coleman, principal examiner and assistant chief of the board of review of the pension bureau, veteran of the civil war and a resident of the District of Columbia for nearly forty years, died yesterday afternoon at 3:40 o'clock at the home of his son-in-law, Fred L. Fishback, 907 S street. The immediate cause of his demise was disease of the heart.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Fishback residence. The officiating clergymen will be Rev. Samuel H. Woodrow, pastor of the First Congregational Church, and Rev. Stephen M. Newman, D.D., who was for twenty years pastor of that congregation. Members of Kit Carson Post, No. 2, G.A.R., will conduct services at the grave in Congressional cemetery.

Mr. Coleman was appointed to a position in the pension bureau February 1, 1877, after he had been an employe of the House of Representatives eight years. He went through the various grades in the pension bureau and at the time of his death was principal examiner and assistant chief of the board of review.

Born in Ontario

He was born in the Province of Ontario, Canada, of parents who were natives of Michigan. While he was a small child the family moved back into Michigan. The date of his birth was September 24, 1841. He enlisted as a private in Company I, 8th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, August 23, 1861. At the battle of James Island, S.C., June 16, 1862, he lost his left arm and received other wounds. He was discharged October 28, 1862, for disability by reason of wounds received in action.

Mr. Coleman was a graduate of the law school of the University of Michigan, and was clerk of Shiawassee county, Mich., for several years. He was secretary of the Michigan State Association of this city in 1883, and at the time of his death was a member of Kit Carson Post, No. 2, G.A.R. Mr. Coleman was an active member of the First Congregational Church, and for a number of years was a member of its choir, serving with the late Dr. Bischoff, its former long-time leader. He was also a member of the Soldiers' Union of the First Congregational Church. Mrs. Fred L. Fishback of this city is his only surviving child.