

George W. Conn

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Funeral of George W. Conn

Veteran of Mexican War Dies at Age of Eighty-Six

The funeral of Mr. George W. Conn, who died at the home of his son, Mr. George Pendleton Conn, 606 Park road northwest, as stated in The Star yesterday, took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Prayer and benediction was offered by Rev. Donald McLeod, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. The pall bearers were Messrs. Jesse D. Prorise, Robert E. Prorise, William F. Drown, Benjamin F. Martin, M. Buchannon and A.R. Pinci. The interment was private at Congressional Cemetery.

The deceased was a native of Louisiana and was one of the original forty-niners in the rush to California in search of gold. When war was declared between this country and Mexico Mr. Conn was teaching school in Mississippi and he immediately enlisted in the Texas Rangers, with which he served throughout the war. At the storming of the citadels of the City of Mexico Mr. Conn participated, as a soldier of the army of Gen. Winfield Scott.

When the war came to a close it was his intention to return to his southern home, but the gold rush to California came about this time and he went to the golden gate country in search of the yellow metal. With the breaking out of yellow fever in California, Mr. Conn came east and began the practice of law in this city in 1856. He was later appointed to a clerkship in the land office, where he served for over ten years. He took to the law again, but relinquished it to take a position in the Post Office Department, where he remained for twenty-five years. He resigned about five years ago on account of his age.