

Alonzo Jones Eaton

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Eaton. On Friday, August 4, 1905 after a short illness, Alonzo J. Eaton in the 65th year of his age. Services at Lee's chapel, 332 Pennsylvania ave. northwest, Monday, August 7 at 2 o'clock p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

The Evening Star, August 5, 1905, p. 16

Funeral Monday

Arrangements have been completed for the funeral of Alonzo J. Eaton, which will take place from Lee's Chapel, Pennsylvania avenue, northwest at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, interment to be at Congressional cemetery. Mr. Eaton died yesterday after a short illness, aged nearly sixty-five years.

The Washington Times, August 7, 1905

Capitol Police at A.J. Eaton's Funeral Services Conducted by the Rev. W.G. Davenport Mr. Eaton Was Prominent Anacostian

The funeral services of Alonzo Jones Eaton, prominent in the development of Anacostia, who died Friday night at Providence Hospital of apoplexy, were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock, in Lee's chapel, in charge of the Rev. Wm. G. Davenport, of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Anacostia, of which Mr. Eaton was a member.

Interment was made in Congressional Cemetery, where the remains of his wife and two daughters also lie.

Arrangements for the funeral were in charge of Sergeant-at-Arms Randell and Lieutenants Hammond and James, of the Capitol police. Nine civil war veterans who had served with him for a time on the Capitol police force, acted as an escort to the body. They were Lieut. John Hammond, Sergeants G.W. Hazer, John O'Connel, D.R. Nichols, Officers J.W. Burne, A.T. Hodge, Blackford, William P. Hall, and J.A. Burrow.

Lieut. J.W. Jones was in charge of the pallbearers, who were J.V. Sparks, W.T. Door, J.R. Childs, F.C. Tratat, T.E. Spencer, F.G. Jones, G.N. Grynes, and R.R. Smith.

Mr. Eaton came of old Puritan stock and his family always played a prominent part in the history of the country. He served gallantry through the civil war and was twice wounded. In 1883 he came to Washington and engaged in the contracting and construction business.

He was later appointed to the Capitol police force. His home at the time of his death was at 1329 M street northwest.

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Funeral of Alonzo Eaton Final Services Held at 2 o'clock This Afternoon

The funeral of the late Alonzo J. Eaton, a veteran member of the Capitol police force, and also a veteran of the civil war, took place at 2 o'clock this afternoon from Lee's chapel, 332 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. The service of the Episcopal Church was read by Rev. W.G. Davenport, rector of Emanuel Church, Anacostia. Interment was at Congressional cemetery, where the wife of the deceased and his two daughters are buried.

Mr. Eaton was born in Massachusetts nearly sixty-five years ago. He served with distinction in the Union army in the civil war. Acting Capt. John Hammond of the Capitol force attended the obsequies, and a detail of capital policemen, commanded by Lieut. J.W. Jones, were active pallbearers. Deceased was said to have been the oldest Capitol policeman, both in age and point of service. Members of the G.A.R. acted as honorary pallbearers.

The Washington Times, August 20, 1905

Sounded Taps for Comrade

Logan Regiment Honors Memory of Col. Eaton

Soldier of Distinction

Served with Gallantry during the Civil War--Grand Army Notes of Interest

At the last meeting of Logan Regiment, held at the armory, 719 Sixth street northwest, with Col. M.F. Carey in command, the following motion was unanimously carried:

"Taps have again sounded from across the Great Divide, and the reaper who gathers without respect of persons has entered our hall.

Our comrade, Lieut. Col. Alonzo J. Eaton, has responded to the summons that comes to all. His life work has been ended, and a character full of tenderness and of loving kindness to all has ceased to exist, leaving his name to be added to the honored and sacred roll of patriotic dead.

"At the outbreak of the great war Comrade Eaton joined Company G, Fifteenth Maine Infantry, and served faithfully as a gallant soldier until the end, when he received an honorable discharge for work well performed.

"Since the war his life has been passed in this city, where he enjoyed the friendship and esteem of all who knew him.

"That he was royally welcomed by brave comrades, who have passed over before him, there can be no doubt, while we, his earthly comrades, are left to cherish his memory and remember that life is but a brittle thread that may be broken without a moment's warning, therefore, we should be prepared that when the Master calls us home we may be ready, like him, to depart in peace.

"To his bereaved family we tend our deepest sympathy, commending them to the care of Him who doeth all things well.

"Further resolved, that the charter be draped for thirty days."