

## Henry True Eaton

### (8 Aug 1838 – 31 Aug 1906)

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**Eaton.** Henry T. Eaton, born August 8, 1838, died August 31, 1906. Survived by wife and six grandchildren. Funeral from his late residence, No. 734 7th street southeast, Monday afternoon, September 3 at 3 o'clock.

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#### **Death Came Suddenly**

#### **Henry True Eaton Succumbs to Heart Disease**

While performing some especially fine masonry work at the navy yard yesterday afternoon, Henry True Eaton, sixty-eight years old, a prominent resident of the city, living at 734 7th street southeast, dropped dead. A surgeon from the Marine Hospital was summoned, but he found life extinct when he arrived. Coroner Nevitt had investigated the circumstances attending the death and the body was removed to the rooms of a local undertaker to be prepared for burial. The funeral will be held from his late residence, 734 7th street southeast, Monday at 3 o'clock p.m., with interment in Congressional cemetery.

Mr. Eaton had been complaining of feeling ill for a couple of months past and had done no work in that time, being retired from business. Yesterday, however, he was summoned to the navy yard to do some work on a new building there which required expert skill, and he answered the summons. Shortly before 3 o'clock, as stated, he suddenly collapsed. Fellow-workmen went immediately to his assistance, but they were too late. Death was declared to be due to heart disease.

For many years Mr. Eaton was a prominent business man in Southeast Washington and owned considerable property in that section of the city. He was born on August 8, 1838, and came to this city when he was a mere boy. He engaged in the grocery and liquor business for twenty-five years, having his store at 734 7th street southeast, where he lived. About eight years ago he determined to give up the cares of business and retire. Since that time, however, he had been active as a builder and contractor. He continued in that business up to about two months ago.

Mr. Eaton enlisted in the Union army during the civil war and served with credit to himself for several years. He was a member of the G.A.R. and was also a member of the Builders' Union.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Ann Rebecca Eaton, six children, three boys -- Henry T. jr., George and Clarence Eaton, and three daughters -- Cornna E., Anna and Lillian Eaton, survive him.

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#### **Funeral of Henry Eaton**

#### **Services Held This Afternoon at Late Home of Deceased**

Funeral services over the remains of Henry True Eaton, who died suddenly Friday afternoon while at work at the navy yard, were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the late residence of the deceased, 734 7th street southeast. Interment was made in Congressional cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. George Griffith, John VonHermann, Charles Eller, Thomas Harris, James Dixon and Mr. Shafer.

Mr. Eaton, who was sixty-eight years of age, had been complaining of a slight illness for a couple of months. He, however, went to the navy yard Friday to perform some expert work in masonry and shortly after 3 o'clock he collapsed. For many years he was engaged in the grocery business in

Southeast Washington. About eight years ago he retired from the mercantile business and became a builder and contractor.

His wife and six children -- Messrs. Henry T. jr., George and Clarence Eaton, and Misses Cornne E., Anna and Lillian Eaton, survive him.