

## Lewis Younglove Ellis

(2 Feb 1852 – 11 Jul 1906)

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**Ellis.** On Wednesday, July 11, 1906, Lewis F. Ellis, husband of Clara Knight Ellis. Funeral from Olympia corner 14th and Euclid at 4 p.m., Friday, July 13. Interment Congressional Cemetery.



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### **Lewis Y. Ellis Dead**

#### **Was Recently Appointed Chief Clerk of Indian Office**

Lewis T. Ellis, recently appointed chief clerk of the Indian office, and for many years chief of the files division of that office, died at his apartment in the Olympia, 14th and Euclid streets, last evening at 7 o'clock. The immediate cause of death was acute kidney trouble. When, about four months ago, he was attacked it was thought he would soon recover, but he continued to fail until about two weeks ago, when he was compelled to take to his bed. From that time he gradually sank until the end last evening.

A man of a most lovable nature, coupled with a high Christian character, Mr. Ellis was unusually popular among a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. He was born in Glens Falls, N.Y., February 2, 1852, and was consequently in the 55th year of his age. After spending his boyhood days in the east Mr. Ellis came to this city with his parents in 1863, and was afterward appointed a page at the Capitol, where he served for a number of years. Later he entered the Indian office, where he served till he was taken ill. During his early life here his father, the late Zabina Ellis, was the disbursing officer of

the sixth auditor's office.

#### *Regarded as an Authority*

During his incumbency as the chief of the files division of the Indian office Mr. Ellis was regarded by his associates as an authority on all matters pertaining to Indian affairs. He had charge of the receipt, indexing and distribution of approximately 100,000 letters annually, and evolved a system whereby, upon being given the name of any individual who had ever corresponded with the office, he could in a moment place his hands upon all of the correspondence pertaining to that individual's case. In physique Mr. Ellis was tall and of athletic build. His most noticeable characteristics were his modesty and politeness.

His widow, who was Miss Ella Knight; a child by a former marriage, Miss Clara May Ellis, and three sisters and four brothers--Mrs. H.F. Lyon, Mrs. John F. Davis, Miss Kate Ellis, and Messrs. Harvey G. Ellis of the pension office, Thomas Ellis of the sixth auditor's office, Percy Ellis of the government printing office and Daniel Ellis of Ogden, Utah--survive the deceased.

Mr. Ellis was recently appointed to the position of chief clerk of the Indian office, and at the time of his death his commission had just been made out, he not having had the opportunity to qualify in his new position.

Deceased was a member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 19, F.A. and A.M., and also of Goodwill Commandery, No. 21, of the Golden Cross.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Olympia. Rev. W.M. Ferguson, the pastor of Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, of which the deceased was a member, will officiate. Rev. D.W. Skellenger pastor of the Sixth Presbyterian Church, will assist. The pallbearers have not yet been chosen, but will doubtless be members of Lafayette Lodge. The interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.