

## William F. Flinn

(1818 – 3 Aug 1894)

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**Flinn.** On Friday, August 3, 1894, at 3:40 a.m., William, beloved husband of Caroline Flinn, at his residence, 120 C street northwest, in the 76th year of his age. Funeral private.

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### **Death of William Flinn**

Mr. William Flinn died this morning at his residence, 120 C street northwest, in the seventy-sixth year of his age, having been born in Westmoreland county, Pa., in 1818. For many years he was prominent in the political and social circles of the middle Atlantic states. After completing his education he entered the newspaper business and at the age of twenty-five was editor of the Pittsburg Aurora. Subsequently he came to Washington and entered the departmental service, where he remained for some years. He was the warm personal friend of James Buchanan, who appointed him his private secretary when he was elected to the presidency. Afterwards he was the agent of the United States navy in this city, and more recently held a position in the State Department. He had a wide acquaintance among the men who have been prominent in the United States during the last fifty years, and enjoyed intimate relations of friendship with the late James G. Blaine. Mr. Flinn married a sister of the wife of John C. Rives, the publisher of the Congressional Globe. His widow with one daughter survives him, and he also leaves a sister, Mrs. Harriet McCurdy.