

Alexander Forrest

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Funeral of a Fireman.

Yesterday afternoon the Northern Liberties and Franklin Fire Companies followed to the grave the remains of Alexander Forrest, late an officer of the first named company, the members of which turned out in immense numbers to pay the last token of respect to his memory. The Franklin also paraded largely, and many friends of the deceased, not firemen, filled up the lengthy cortege. Prosperi's band was engaged for the occasion and played appropriate strains in their usual talented manner. The procession moved through the Avenue to the Congressional Cemetery, where the body was interred with solemn ceremonies, the Rev. A.G. Corother's, of the Fifth Presbyterian Church, officiating. The hearse was attended by eight pall-bearers, dressed in the uniform of the Northern Liberties and the procession was in charge of Messrs. John Goddard, Jr., and E.G. Evans, Marshals, also in the Northern Liberties dress. The banners were in mourning, and altogether the procession made an imposing appearance. Returning the Northern Liberties escorted the Franklin members to their engine house, soon after which both companies were dismissed.