

Thomas C.L. Hatton

(- 13 Jun 1880)

Hatton. On June 13, 1880, at 9 o'clock p.m., T.C.L. Hatton, aged 29 years. Funeral will take place from the Mount Vernon House tomorrow, June 16th, at 2 o'clock p.m. Friends and relatives respectfully invited to attend.

The Evening Star, June 14, 1880

Sudden Death of a Policeman

Police officer Thomas C.L. Hatton died very suddenly last night at the Mount Vernon House, on Pennsylvania avenue, between 4 1/2 and 6th streets. He had been in his usual apparent good health yesterday, and after dinner walked out, but soon returned and complained of feeling unwell. He was helped to his room and died about 9 o'clock. Dr. Townshend was called in before his death occurred, but could do nothing to save him. Deceased had been on the force but a short time having been appointed April 19th. He had served for ten years in the army and had an excellent record, never having been in the guardhouse and no charge of misconduct ever brought against him. He was twenty-nine years old, unmarried, and a native of Maryland. An autopsy was held this morning at the Mount Vernon House by Dr. Hartigan in the presence of Coroner Patterson and Health Officer Townshend, and a report rendered that he died of natural causes--congestion of the lungs.

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The Funeral of late Policeman Thomas C.L. Hatton, whose sudden death, on Sunday night, at the Mount Vernon House, was mentioned in Monday's Star, took place at 2 o'clock today from that house, where the services of the M.E. church were performed by Rev. Mr. Deal, of the Foundry church. Major Brock ordered out a detachment of thirty police, under Lieut. Gessford, and Major Breckenridge of the arsenal grounds, ordered out Co. B, 2d artillery, stationed there, of which deceased was formerly a member, with the Marine band as an escort. This company was under First Sergeant Moore. There were six pall-bearers from the police and three from the military. The interment was made in the vault at the Congressional cemetery.

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A Sudden Death

Police Officer Hatton Stricken with Heart Disease Last Night

Thomas C.L. Hatton, a police officer of the First precinct, died suddenly at the Mount Vernon house last night. He has been off on sick leave for the past few days. Last evening, however, he ate his dinner, being apparently as well as usual. He afterwards went out, it is supposed to report for duty, but came back very soon in a hack, too sick to walk. He was helped to his room when he remarked to the landlord that he believed he was gone up, and immediately sank into a stupor and remained unconscious until his death, which occurred about 9 o'clock. Dr. Townshend was summoned as soon as his dangerous condition was known, but before the doctor arrived life was extinct. Deceased was discharged from the Second United States artillery on the 27th of last March, after a service of ten years, his last station being at the arsenal in this city. He was twenty-seven years of age and unmarried. He was a native of Prince George's county, where his father now resides. The latter happened to be in the city and took

charge of the body. Death was either caused by a congestive chill or heart disease, Dr. McKim, police surgeon, inclining to the latter opinion. The coroner will hold an inquest this morning.