

Mary V. Hendley Hazen

(- 31 Oct 1916)

Hazen. On Tuesday, October 31, 1916 at her residence, 1221 L street northwest, Mary V., widow of Gen. A.D. Hazen. Funeral service at her late residence at 11 a.m., Friday, November 5. Interment private.

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Mrs. Mary V. Hazen Dead

Widow of Postmaster General in President Grant's Cabinet, Mrs. Mary V. Hazen, widow of General A.D. Hazen who was postmaster general in President Grant's administration, died at her residence, 1221 L street northwest, Tuesday. Funeral services are to be held at her late residence at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, Rev. Harry D. Mitchell, pastor of Metropolitan M.E. Church officiating. Interment will be private in Congressional cemetery.

Mrs. Hazen was a native and lifelong resident of Washington and before her marriage was Miss Hendley. She had no immediate survivors.

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Noted Official Dead

Abraham D. Hazen, Former Assistant Postmaster General, Passes Away In Office Over a Quarter Century The Funeral Services to Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon Burial at Mt. Bethel, Pa.

Mr. Abraham D. Hazen, for many years third assistant postmaster general, died last evening at his residence, 1231 L street northwest. For about a year and a half he had been in bad health as the result of a general breaking down of the nervous system due to a conscientious devotion to duty. The announcement of his death will not be a source of surprise to those within the circle of his immediate friends and acquaintances. Those who knew him intimately realized that he had been for some time steadily failing. His death is sincerely deplored by those with whom he had been officially associated as well as those in the more intimate relations of friendship.

For the past eight years since leaving the public service Mr. Hazen continued to live in this city attending to his law business and enjoying the rest which comes after such an active life as his had been during almost the entire term of his residence. He had lived in this city for the past thirty-five years, but his identification with the postal service during a period extending over a quarter of a century made him widely known.

Sketch of His Career

He was born in Mount Bethel, Pa., sixty years ago, and after graduating from Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., he taught school. At the breaking out of the war he went into the service and had a position in the commissary department. In the month of August, 1866, he received an appointment as a \$1,200 clerk in the Post Office Department, and then began a career which continued with but a brief interval down to the year 1893, serving under fifteen Postmasters General. He arose rapidly in the ranks, and in four years reached the highest clerical grade. In the year 1873 he was designated by the Postmaster General as member of the board of examiners under the civil service reform system established by

President Grant, with George William Curtis as chairman of the advisory board. He was made chief of the stamp division in the year 1874, and three years later he was placed at the head of the third assistant's office. He filled this important position with ability, and served in that capacity under nine Postmasters General. He declined the nomination as assistant attorney general of the Post Office Department, which was made by President Garfield in 1881.

His Final Retirement

Mr. Hazen retired from the office in 1887 during the term of President Cleveland, and two years later, upon the coming in of the Harrison administration, he returned to his old place. He finally left the service in 1893 and continued the practice of law in this city.

In addition to his official duties he found time to study law, and graduated from Columbian Law School. He was also selected for duty on the boards in charge of the government exhibits at the Philadelphia, New Orleans and Chicago expositions.

Funeral services will be held at his late residence tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The interment will be at Mount Bethel, Pa.

Mr. Hazen's wife and his adopted daughter, Mrs. H.C. Duffy, survive him. Five of his brothers and one sister are living, and of the brothers three reside in this city. They are Dr. David H. Hazen, Dr. William P.C. Hazen and Nathan Hazen.