

## Walter J. Hoffman

(30 May 1840 – 8 Nov 1899)

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**Hoffmann.** At Reading, Pa., on Wednesday, November 8, 1899, Dr. Walter J. Hoggman in the 53rd year of his age. Funeral private from the Pennsylvania depot, Friday, November 10 at 3:30 o'clock p.m.

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### **Burial of Dr. Hoffman**

#### **Former Consul at Mannheim and Once Connected With Smithsonian**

The remains of Dr. Walter J. Hoffman, who died in Reading, Pa., Tuesday, were brought to the city this afternoon, and will be interred at 3:30 o'clock in the Congressional cemetery. Rev. Richard P. Williams, the rector of Trinity P.E. Church, will officiate, and the pallbearers will be as follows: C.W. Howard, Albert A. Wilson, Frank Hume, representing the board of directors of the Firemen's Insurance Company, of which Dr. Hoffman had been a member for a number of years; Samuel Cross, Maj. Samuel H. Walker and James G. Traylor.

Dr. Hoffman leaves a widow, who was a Miss Davis, daughter of Mr. Abel Davis of this city; two sons, Messrs. Charles G. and Frederick Hoffman, and a daughter, Mrs. Herbert M. Sternberg of Reading, Pa. He was born 53 years ago, and for a number of years was connected with the Smithsonian Institution and National Museum. He was widely known by his scientific writings. Two years ago he was appointed consul at Mannheim, but recently resigned on account of ill-health.

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### **Consul Hoffman Ill**

Dr. Walter J. Hoffman of this city has been seriously ill at Heidelberg, Germany, since December 24 with abscess of the lungs. At last accounts, January 7, his condition was somewhat improved. His physicians have ordered him to go south as soon as he is able to travel. Dr. Hoffman is United States consul at Mannheim, Germany. His son Charles is a student at the University of Heidelberg, to which place Dr. Hoffman was removed when first taken ill, the climate of Mannheim being too cold and damp. His illness is ascribed to an attack of grip.