

## William H. Hunt

( - 25 Jun 1889)

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**Hunt.** On June 25, 1889 at 4 o'clock p.m. after a short illness, William H. Hunt, chief engineer U.S. Navy, and beloved husband of Amanda J. Hunt, aged 57 years. Funeral from late residence 202 4th street southeast, Saturday, June 29 at 11 o'clock p.m.

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### **Death of a Naval Veteran**

Chief Engineer William H. Hunt, U.S. navy retired, died at his home, 202 4th street southeast, last evening, 25th instant, after a short illness. He was in his fifty-eighth year. Mr. Hunt was the eldest son of the late Chief Engineer Henry Hunt, U.S.N., deceased. The son entered the service December 24, 1853, as third assistant engineer, passing through the various grades of his corps to that of chief engineer, to which he was promoted February 19, 1863, attaining the relative rank of lieutenant commander. He was retired on account of disability February 8, 1871, after a total sea service of ten years and nine months. His active sea service extended through the entire period of the civil war. He served with great gallantry and efficiency in the fleet of Admiral Farragut in the various engagements directed by that officer. Many acts of personal daring and bravery, while attached to the Mississippi and the Oneida, attest his value to the service. During his service on the Oneida he was painfully injured by escaping steam, caused by the explosion of a shell which penetrated the boiler of that unfortunate vessel during the engagements resulting in the capture of Mobile, Ala. He was present at the reduction of Forts Jackson and St. Philip, and the capture of New Orleans and Mobile bay. His funeral will take place from his late residence Saturday morning, at 11 o'clock. The interment will be at Congressional cemetery.